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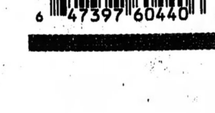

Bonus probe near end

Current and former GOP lawmakers and staffers have been invited to testify.

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HARRISBURG – A legislative corruption investigation appears to be nearing an end, as a statewide grand jury this week is expected to wrap up deliberations about House Republicans.

About 10 current and former GOP legislators and staffers received the equivalent of "target letters," with invitations to testify, according to legislative aides, a lawmaker and a lawyer familiar with the case. It's part of a broader investigation of legislators suspected of using state resources for political purposes.

"These target letters are not sent out at an early stage. They are sent out at the very end of an investigation," said Bruce Antkowiak, a former federal prosecutor who teaches criminal procedure at Duquesne University Law School.

"By the time a case gets to this point, the grand jury has probably been presented with a mountain of evidence."

Attorney General Tom Corbett in July 2008 charged 12 people with ties to the House Democratic Caucus with theft, conflict of interest and conspiracy, accusing them of using state resources for campaign purposes. Six defendants are cooperating with the prosecution.

But Corbett has not ramped up an investigation of Senate Republicans in the probe that began as a look into taxpayer-

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BVA receiving less state money

The district will have to either cut costs or tap other revenue sources.

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP – Business manager Eileen Navish on Monday said the Belle Vernon Area School District will receive $266,279 less in basic education subsidy because of cuts in the state's recently passed budget.

According to the district's $34.1 million 2009-2010 budget, the school board was expecting subsidy to increase by $742,604 over last year.

At a board meeting Monday, Navish said the district will receive a total $9,161,886 for basic education costs, $476,325 more than the previous year.

The district budget indicates $8.5 million in state subsidy and $1.1 million is federal stimulus money.

"This is basically about what I thought we would lose," Navish said. "Realizing the financial position of the state, I was happy with what we got because there was an increase.

"Everybody in the district is very frugal, and we're trying to be as conservative in spending and looking at every way to cut costs."

During budget talks earlier this year, Navish cautioned the board not to bank on $384,600 in federal stimulus money the district might have received.

Navish said none of that money will come to the district because the pool of cash from which it was to be drawn was used to balance the state spending plan.

Director James McKevitt said the board will have to find a way to make up for the loss.

It has not been determined whether it will come from cuts or pulling from the district's $6 million fund balance, he said.

"Nobody's really had the time to go through it and really talk about it," he said of the $266,000 shortfall.

McKevitt said that given the state budget situation he was not surprised by the dip in state subsidy.

The district's 2009-2010 budget required a 2-mill real estate tax increase to help offset the first of five years in salary increases.

According to a five-year contract, teachers, custodians, bus drivers, secretaries, janitors and transportation employees will receive a total of $1 million more in salaries each year. Board members have said the hikes will amount to $15 million more in real estate tax dollars through the life of the contract.

During budget talks, director Aaron Bialon objected to a tax increase, stating that the district will receive a $500,000 rebate from its health care

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Gary Lewis, of Fellsburg, walks his dog, Mindy, along a section of the Yough River Trail that runs through Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Township. Great Allegheny Passage officials say the trail has boosted the regional economy.

Great Allegheny Passage spurring business growth

Overnight trail users spend an average of $98 per day. Local users spend $11.

By JENNIFER REEGER
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A recently completed study gauging the economic impact of the Great Allegheny Passage quantifies the bike trail's value to the region in terms of hard numbers – $40 million, to be exact.

The Yough River Trail portion of the passage is a 43-mile path that stretches from McKeesport to Connellsville. It runs locally through Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Township and extends to West Newton.

The 18-month study of trail-related spending along the 132-mile pathway showed that more than $40 million was spent directly by users in 2008. Another $7.5 million in wages can be attributed to the trail, the study concludes.

In 2001, direct spending by trail users was $7.26 million, and officials associated with the trail said the numbers will continue to rise.

"We endeavored to raise the money to build the trail because we thought it was not only going to be a wonderful recreation experience but also return benefit to the communities in terms of tourism and community and economic development," said Linda McKenna Boxx, president of the Allegheny Trail Alliance.

"That was part of the promise when we went to our local foundations, to our local corporations, to the volunteers and mom-and-pop businesses and to state and federal government sources ... so it's great that the economic impact studies validate our assumptions," she said. "The economic data says we are getting return on that investment."

The study was a project of the Trail Alliance, The Progress Fund's Trail Town Program and the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau.

Officials hope to use the study, which was conducted by Campos Market Research from February 2008 to August 2009, to attract investors and entrepreneurs to open trail-related businesses.

The study enables Cathy McCollom, director of the Trail Town Program, to show investors hard numbers when convincing them to open shops and bed-and-breakfasts in small towns along the trail.

> "These small businesses are doing quite well, and the market has shown no sign of letting up."
>
> CATHY MCCOLLOM, TRAIL TOWN PROGRAM

"Now we can tell them not only is (the impact) significant, but it shows no signs of abating because this was happening during an economic crisis. These small businesses are doing quite well, and the market has shown no sign of letting up," McCollom said.

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Carpenter sentenced in Springer case

The Charleroi man was a key state witness in the Gerald Szakal murder trial.

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WASHINGTON, Pa. – A Charleroi man will serve time in a state prison for his role in the deaths of a Carroll Township couple.

Gregory M. Carpenter, 54, formerly of Donora, appeared Monday before Washington County President Judge Debbie O' Dell Seneca for formal sentencing related to the March 4, 2008, murders of Howard and Nancy Springer. Howard Springer, 63, was a retired Carroll Township police chief. His wife, 65, was a retired teacher.

Gerald Szakal, 27, of Webster, was convicted Oct. 1 by a Washington County jury of second-degree murder for killing and robbing the Springers. He is scheduled to be sentenced tomorrow.

The judge sentenced Carpenter to two to four years in prison for charges of theft by receiving stolen property, tampering with evidence, simple drug possession, possession of drug paraphernalia and giving false information to police.

Carpenter was a key prosecution witness in the Szakal trial.

Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani said Carpenter lived up to his end of a plea bargain, adding the judge's sentence was fair and appropriate.

"Of the defendants involved in this case, he had the least

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Money (FROM PAGE ONE)

consortium later this year that could be put toward the salary increases. McKevitt said that money also could help offset the decrease in state subsidy.

In an unrelated matter, the board agreed to spend up to $50,000 from its capital fund for improvements at the newly opened multi-plex facility.

The district recently moved into the former 84 Lumber building along Finley Road after purchasing it for $1 million.

The site now houses 31 buses under outdoor sheds, and a main building contains district offices, a weight room, a wrestling room, locker rooms and showers, a conference room and a two-bus garage.

Athletic director Jesse Cramer said the money would be used for heating and insulation for a mechanics' bay next to the bus garage, block heater plug outlets for the bus engines, a wrestling mat and a quick recovery hot water tank for the showers.

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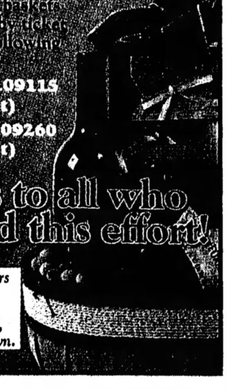

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Yesteryear

Fifth grade students of teacher Lorys Crisafulli shared the spotlight at a program at Lincoln School in Monongahela in the early 1950s. Among those entertaining the audience were, from left, Marshal Miller, Kenny Merusi, Dick Lowe, Dave McVicker, Dean Hagerty, Nancy Meehan and Sandy SanFilippo.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

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Carpenter (FROM PAGE ONE)

involvement," Toprani said of Carpenter.

Under terms of the plea deal, Toprani's office agreed to withdraw charges of conspiracy to commit robbery and homicide.

Carpenter received credit for time served in the Washington County Correctional Facility since his March 9, 2008, arrest. Carpenter could be out of jail in five months.

Toprani said his release date will be determined by a state parole board.

Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township home, selling them to the Springers – precious metals dealers – before returning to their home to rob and kill them.

Carpenter testified he saw Szakal put Szakal's bloody clothing in a plastic bag the night after the murders.

Carpenter said he and Szakal bought cocaine in Monessen the following night. Carpenter testified Szakal confessed to shooting the couple and bragged about it.

Szakal gave Carpenter $1,500 and co-defendant Justin J. Welch $1,000, from the $6,500 he stole from the Springers.

O'Dell Seneca ordered Carpenter to repay the $1,500 to the Springers' estate.

Plea agreements also were reached with Welch, 21, of Donora, and another co-defendant, Tecko Dwayne Tartt, 22, formerly of Donora.

Welch is charged with two counts of criminal conspiracy to commit homicide and one count each of robbery, theft by unlawful taking, and receiving stolen property.

Both men testified against Szakal.

Welch and Tartt were both scheduled for sentencing today.

Tartt, accused of providing the murder weapon, testified Welch told him Szakal was seeking a gun for a robbery.

Tartt previously pleaded guilty to robbery and criminal conspiracy to commit robbery for supplying Szakal with the .22-cal. handgun used in the murders.

Growth (FROM PAGE ONE)

The study analyzed gross revenues attributed to the trail, the ways it influenced business decisions and trail user demographics. The research consisted of surveys of trail businesses as well as trail users.

The study found that:

■ Business owners attributed 25 percent of their sales to the Great Allegheny Passage. More than a quarter of businesses reported expansions or plans to expand within the next year.

■ Overnight trail visitors spent an average of $98 per day, while local users spent about $13.

■ Overnight visitors tend to be more affluent, with 35 percent earning more than $100,000 a year.

Donna Gambol, executive director of the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau, said the study shows that efforts to market the trail have paid off.

"It just helps the whole region," Gambol said. "This is a corridor every bit as much a corridor as Route 22 or the turnpike in terms of bringing people to the area that might have not come to the area otherwise."

The Great Allegheny Passage runs from Duquesne to Cumberland, Md. In Cumberland, the trail connects to the C&O Canal Towpath, creating a 320-mile corridor between Duquesne and Washington.

But there is more work to do. The Trail Alliance has set Nov. 11, 2011, as the goal to complete the trail to Pittsburgh.

Boxx said $65 million has been invested in building the trail so far – meaning 60 cents was returned on every dollar of that investment in 2008 alone.

"When it's connected into Pittsburgh, I imagine that $40 million is going to grow into $60 million," she said.

McCollom and Boxx said the hope is to add even more diverse businesses in trail towns.

"We're finding that the trail user is interested in exploring the towns and purchasing local arts and local crafts," McCollom said. "They want some memento of their journey in addition to the food and drink and sleep they obviously need."

And there's a need for unusual restaurants and establishments that offer craft beers and fine wines. Coffee shops are a must.

Trail visitors, who tend to be older and wealthier, are looking for an experience.

"They're meandering and enjoying and tasting and experiencing the towns," McCollom said.

Probe (FROM PAGE ONE)

financed bonuses awarded to legislative staffers, allegedly for political work.

Kevin Harley, a spokesman for Corbett, said he cannot comment on the grand jury proceedings, which by law are secret.

Antkowiak and other criminal law experts say a letter of the sort sent to House Republicans puts officials on notice and gives them a chance to tell their sides of the story.

They emphasized it doesn't mean the people notified definitely will be charged, but said it's clear Corbett is contemplating charges.

In almost all cases, defense attorneys advise clients not to take the government's offer because of the risk, several experts said.

"If it was a client of mine, I'd advise them not to appear before a grand jury and testify under oath," said Gary Zimmerman, a Pittsburgh attorney who has practiced criminal law for 38 years. If the client insists and decides to testify, "he wouldn't be a client of mine for long," Zimmerman said.

Antkowiak said he knows of "very few" defense attorneys who have agreed to voluntarily bring clients before the grand jury.

Corbett, a Republican, has been under fire for conducting the investigation while running for governor.

U.S. Rep. Jim Gerlach, R-Chester, another GOP candidate for governor, has said Corbett should resign as attorney general rather than continue to conduct the investigation as a candidate.

Other critics have accused him of running a partisan investigation because the only people charged so far are Democrats.

Rep. John Perzel, R-Philadelphia, and his former chief of staff, Brian Preski, are among those who received letters, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported last week. Their attorneys could not be reached for comment.

The invitation to testify sometimes becomes a difficult decision for defense lawyers "who typically like their client to tell their side of the story," said John Burkoff, who teaches criminal law at the University of Pittsburgh Law School.

"But even if your client is innocent, what he or she says may appear suspicious to the attorney general or a grand jury," Burkoff said. "If they come in and testify, they know what they say can be used against them."

Said Zimmerman: "If you don't have any idea what evidence they have, your client could be sandbagged and admit things under oath that are a crime."

The criticism of the investigation might be "an annoyance" for Corbett, but "with the public, I don't think it resonates at all," said Christopher Borick, a political science professor at Muhlenberg College in Allentown.

"The idea of uncovering corruption in government outweighs any concern about political activity," Borick said.

Valley briefs

Man charged with vehicle theft

State police in Belle Vernon charged a Greensburg man with theft and disorderly conduct after he allegedly took the vehicle of a Yukon man and drove it on Interstate 70.

According to state police, Gregory Allen Marshall, 23, went to the residence of Richard Seanor, 45, 8:20 p.m. Oct. 19 and rang his doorbell.

Getting no answer, Marshall is alleged to have walked around the property several times and then sat on Seanor's porch.

Then, state police said, he discovered a vehicle owned by Seanor and got in it and drove away.

State police said that Marshall drove the vehicle on to Interstate 70, exited the vehicle and then hid in the nearby woods.

Greene gets modern windmill

The first energy-producing windmill has been erected in Greene County, located in the southwestern corner of Pennsylvania,

The Skystream 3.7 windmill was erected by Tri State Electricity, of Waynesburg.

The windmill is on the property of John Stewart, who wants to use the electricity produced to power up an environmentally friendly kennel next to his home off Route 218 in Franklin Township.

Tri State officials say windmills like Stewart's cost about $15,000 to $18,000 but can save the average homeowner $500 to $800 in electricity costs. The windmill can be turned by winds as low as 8 mph.

Area home values slip downward

Value of homes sold in region down 5.1 percent

The value of homes sold in the Pittsburgh area declined 5.1 percent in the year's third quarter compared with the same period last year - but it was the first time since late 2007 that the drop was in the single digits, a report said.

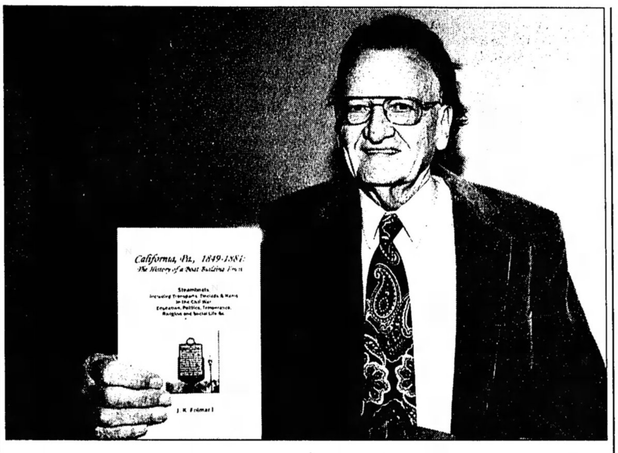
RealStats, a Pittsburgh-based real estate information company, said 7,421 houses sold for nearly $1.15 billion during the July through September period compared with 7,641 for more than $1.21 billion a year ago.

"The single-digit percentage drop is the lowest in two years and may signal a significant shift in the region's housing market," said Daniel Murrer, RealStats vice president.

Also significant was that sales volume for a quarter reached $1 billion for the first time this year, he said. The report covers Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

The average home price was $154,896, up from $148,890 in the second quarter but below the $158,576 average from the third quarter of 2008.

"The market under $150,000 has not fallen off as much as activity over $250,000," Murrer said, partly due to the $8,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers who typically buy less expensive properties.



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Retired California University of Pennsylvania history professor John K. Folmar, Ph.D., displays a copy of his sixth book: "California, Pa., 1849-1881: The History of a Boat Building Town." The book, which was released in May, focuses on the development of the boat-building industry in California Borough and the 132 boats built there.

Retired Cal U professor pens boat-building book

Valley profiles

A weekly look at one of our neighbors

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CALIFORNIA – For a man who has always been fascinated by history, John K. Folmar, Ph.D., has done his best to help people relive it through his books.

Folmar, a retired professor of history at California University of Pennsylvania, recently completed his sixth book: "California, Pa., 1849-1881: The History of a Boat Building Town."

The book, which was released in May, focuses on the development of the boat-building industry in the borough and the 132 boats built there.

"I was inspired to write this history because of the importance of the industry to the community," he said. "After further study, I was astounded by the number of steamboats that had been built here and used in the Civil War."

Several of the steamboats used in the war were converted to transports, rams and tinclads during the Civil War.

In his book, Folmar chronicles the struggles to develop a normal teaching school in California.

From its beginning as the private California Seminary to the Southwestern Normal College to state's approval as the Southwestern Normal School for the 10th Normal School District, Folmar used excerpts from the school minutes and local newspapers to examine the transition of the educational process during the mid-nineteenth century.

"What started as a boat-building narrative has developed into the history of a northern border state river town before, during and after the Civil War," Folmar said.

Folmar said he stumbled upon his interest in boat building on the river purely by accident.

"I became involved with the Monongahela River Buffs in 1980," he recalled. "At first, I really didn't care much about the river, but I attended their meetings.

"I was absolutely shocked about the history of transportation on the river."

His interest in that bit of history was so great that he began injecting that history into his classes at the university.

Today, he is president of the Monongahela River Buffs Association and edits its publication, "The Voice of the Mon."

His love of local history will be continuing through his work on two future books.

Folmar, who still resides in California, is currently researching background for a novel about Civil War soldiers who surrendered in May, 1865, in South Alabama.

The idea for the book was spurred by Folmar's first novel, "From That Terrible Field."

He said that more than 240 soldiers who surrendered that day had to sign their names and he is researching their careers after the event.

The other book he is planning deals with all of the steamships that traveled the Monongahela River from the beginning of the era in 1820 until its end around 1910.

Criminal charges likely in domestic stabbing of Frazier school director

For The Valley Independent

Criminal charges are pending in connection with the stabbing early Friday of a Frazier School Board member in his Fayette County home, according to state police.

State police Trooper Joseph Panepinto of the Belle Vernon station said Monday that charges will be filed before Belle Vernon District Magisterial Judge Jesse Cramer in connection with the stabbing of Director John H. Lowery III, 39, of Jefferson Estates.

Lowery was released from UPMC Presbyterian hospital. He was airlifted to the Pittsburgh hospital after being examined at Monongahela Valley Hospital. Lowery was driven to the hospital by an acquaintance, according to authorities.

According to District Attorney Nancy Vernon, a man stabbed Lowery with a kitchen knife. She described the attack as "unprovoked."

"The man stabbed Lowery in his back as he stood at the kitchen sink, then stabbed Lowery in his side," Vernon said.

"When Lowery turned to confront his attacker, he then stabbed Lowery in his chest," Vernon said.

Vernon said he was able to fight off the attacker.

Western Pa. jobs hit 23-year low

But the situation in this region is better than the rest of the country.

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Think the employment numbers are bad in the Pittsburgh region?

They are, but the situation remains better than in the rest of the country - and today's woes are nothing compared to what the region faced before.

"You can't escape a recession of this breadth anywhere," said Christopher Briem, a regional economist with the University of Pittsburgh. "But it's certainly true that, unlike other recessions, when things were worse here, it's remarkable that things are actually better."

Statistics released Monday by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry show that seasonally adjusted local unemployment for September topped 8 percent - the highest since September 1986, when unemployment hit 8.2 percent amid the collapse of the steel industry.

Unlike then, when the region was hemorrhaging residents to other cities, unemployed workers have few places to go.

Pittsburgh's unemployment rate is better than the national average and has been since October 2006.

Across the region, Allegheny County's unemployment was the lowest at 7.5 percent, while Fayette County came in at 10.3 percent.

The statewide rate was 8.8 percent.

The heaviest losses last month were in construction and manufacturing jobs.

Service industries added jobs, according to the department.

In all, the region lost 36,000 jobs during the past year.

Although that's nothing to celebrate, residents can take some solace from Pittsburgh's place in the national economy, said Robert Dye, vice president and senior economist for PNC Financial Services Group.

The region has several strong industries such as education and health care, he said.

"Pittsburgh is poised to take advantage of this next round of economic expansion, which we are just experiencing," he said.

Technically, the national recession should end Thursday, when advance estimates of the third-quarter gross domestic product will be released and will show 3 percent annualized growth, Dye said.

Unemployment should peak early next year, although jobs recovery could take a long time, he said.

Those numbers come on a "huge government-induced tailwind" driven broadly by the fiscal stimulus package and specifically by the federal cash-for-clunkers program, Dye said.

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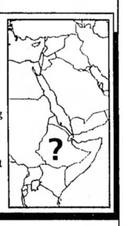
THE QUIZ

NEWSFACE:

Now 72, I've spent decades honing my craft as a standup comedian. I also created and starred in one of the most popular sitcoms of the 1980s, a show that bore my name. On Monday, I received the nation's foremost humor prize, the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. I've twice turned the award down because of my disgust at the amount of profanity used by many comics. Who am I?

1. President Obama on Saturday declared a state of emergency regarding ..?...
2. A pair of suicide car bombings in (CHOOSE ONE: Kabul, Baghdad) killed at least 147 people in the country's deadliest attack in more than two years.
3. The New York Yankees beat the ..?.. 5-2 in Game 6 of the American League championship series and will host the World Series opener.
4. Former Bosnian Serb leader (CHOOSE ONE: Slobodan Milosevic, Radovan Karadzic) has failed to appear at his trial on 11 charges relating to the Bosnian war of the 1990s.
5. The presidential election in (CHOOSE ONE: Venezuela, Uruguay) is headed for a runoff.

NEWSPLACE:



Twenty-five years after a famine killed a million people in this East African country and spurred a massive global aid effort, the government is appealing for international help again. Suffering its worst drought in ten years, this country is asking for 159,000 tons of food aid worth $121 million between now and the end of year. Government official say more than 6 million people are facing starvation. Name this country.

6. At least 14 Americans have been killed in a series of air crashes in (CHOOSE ONE: Iraq, Afghanistan), military officials say.
7. The (CHOOSE ONE: Pittsburgh Steelers, Chicago Bears) gave the Minnesota Vikings their first loss of the season.
8. "Phantom of the Opera" composer (CHOOSE ONE: Elton John, Andrew Lloyd Webber), 61, has been diagnosed with cancer.
9. A(n) ..?.. Airlines flight made headlines when its pilots apparently overshot its Minneapolis landing by more than 100 miles.
__American __Northwest __U.S. __Delta
10. After country star ..?.. recently came out of retirement, tickets for his first 20 shows at a Las Vegas resort sold out in hours.

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NEWSFACE: Bill Cosby *(15 points for correct answer)*
NEWSPLACE: Ethiopia *(15 points for correct answer)*
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1-the H1N1 flue, or swine flu; 2-Baghdad; 3-Los Angeles Angels; 4-Radovan Karadzic; 5-Uruguay; 6-Afghanistan; 7-Pittsburgh Steelers; 8-Andrew Lloyd Webber; 9-Northwest; 10-Garth Brooks

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

DANKANICH — Mary (Senich) Dankanich, formerly of Monessen, on Sunday, Oct. 25. James J Dougherty Funeral Home, Levittown.*

EVANS — C. Keith Evans, 57, of Fredericktown (Centerville), on Sunday, Oct. 25. Greenlee Funeral Home, Beallsville.*

GREENWALD — Gary A. Greenwald, 48, of Wexford, on Monday, Oct. 26. William A. Bautz Funeral Home, New Eagle.

KORTINA — Louise F. (Cullen) Kortina, 98, of North Charleroi, on Sunday, Oct. 25. Robert A. Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

MAURO — Alvina J. Mauro, of Rostraver Township, on Monday, Oct. 26. Dalfonso-Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

POWER — Joseph Gerald "Jerry" Power, of Monongahela, on Monday, Oct. 26. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

RIVA — Helen Riva, 101, of Charleroi, on Sunday, Oct. 25. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.

SMITH — Jack E. Smith, 88, of West Newton, formerly of Elizabeth Township and Clairton, on Monday, Oct. 26. S.M. Finney Funeral Home, Clairton.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
DUBOVSKY, Anna*
GREGG, Dolores E.*
*** See death notice**

Mary (Senich) Dankanich
Formerly of Monessen

Mary (Senich) Dankanich passed away after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease, on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at Mainland Manor Nursing and Rehab Center, Pleasantville, N.J. She was 92. Born and raised in Monessen, she moved together with her family to Fairless Hills, Pa., in 1953. She remained there until 2004, at which time she moved to Egg Harbor Township, N.J. While residing in Monessen, she was a member of Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church. While residing in Fairless Hills, Mary was an active member and servant of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church in Levittown, Pa., until her health declined. She enjoyed playing bingo, line dancing, loved to travel and did many crafts. She was a former member of the Falls Seniors. She especially enjoyed her family and friends and loved to cook and bake for them. Mary is the beloved wife of the late Michael, the loving mother of the late Charles and sister of the late Anna Kozma, Nicholas, Andrew, Paul and Michael Senich. She will be sadly missed by her daughters and son, Marie Remy and her husband, John, of Egg Harbor Township, N.J., Marilyn Paylor and her husband, Richard, of Fairless Hills, and Michael and his wife, Sandra, of Barker, N.Y. Mary will also be sadly missed by her 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; her brother, John Senich and his wife, Helen of Monessen; her sister, Kathryn Podany and her husband, Harry, of Monongahela; and many nieces and nephews around the country. To celebrate Mary's life, family and friends are invited to call on Thursday at the JAMES J. DOUGHERTY FUNERAL HOME INC., 2200 Trenton Road, Levittown, from 9:30 a.m., until the time of her Panachida service at 11:30 a.m. Her funeral Mass will celebrated, at noon at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church, 1787 Woodbourne Road, Levittown, Pa., 19056. Rite of Committal will follow in Our Lady of Grace Cemetery. Donations in Mary's name to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at the above address would be appreciated.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Dolores E. Gregg
Elizabeth
Formerly of Washington

Dolores E. Gregg, 94, of Elizabeth, formerly of Franklin Terrace, Washington, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at 12:50 p.m. at the home of her niece. She was born May 15, 1915, in Brownsville, the daughter of Charles G. and Katherine B. Barrett Wilson. Mrs. Gregg was raised by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wilson, because of her parents passing away when Dolores was very young. Dolores was a member of the First Christian Church. She was a 1934 graduate of South Brownsville High School and a 1937 graduate of Brownsville General Hospital as a registered nurse. During World War II, Dolores was employed as a registered nurse at Brownsville General Hospital. She was also employed at the Cathedral of Learning Infirmary where she took care of soldiers, at Duke Hospital in North Carolina, at Betty Gay Dress shop in Washington, and for 16 years at the pediatrician office of Dr. Frank Hazlett, as his nurse, from where she retired. She resided for some time at the Residence at Hilltop Assisted Living in Monongahela, and was very active in the activities and caring for the patients and their everyday living. On April 9, 1938, she married Oliver J. Gregg, who died March 5, 1993. Surviving are one Goddaughter, Nadine Wimberly of Arkansas; two cousins, Thomas (Flo) Claybaugh of Charleroi and Virginia Sutton of the state of California; four nieces; Nancy Sleith of Elizabeth (with whom she made her home), Earlene Pierce of Fayette City, Edith (Thomas) Fisher of Elizabeth and Harriet (Butch) Douglas of Elizabeth; 14 great-nieces and nephews, 29 great-great nieces and nephews and 19 great-great-great nieces and nephews also survive. Mrs. Gregg was preceded in death by several cousins and one niece; Loretta Gamble. Friends will be received on Tuesday, Oct.27, 2009, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the WARCO-FALVO FUNERAL HOME, INC., Wilson at East Katherine Avenue, Washington, S. Timothy Warco, supervisor/director, Susan Falvo Warco, director, S. Timothy Warco II, director. Additional visitation will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, from 10 a.m. until noon, the time of service, at the Round Hill Cemetery Chapel, 2131 Round Hill Church Road, Elizabeth, with the Rev. Heather Simpson officiating. Burial will follow in Round Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Donnell House, c/o Hospice Care of the Washington Hospital, 155 Wilson Avenue, Washington, Pa. 15301. Online condolences may be expressed at www.WarcoFalvoFuneralHome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joseph Gerald 'Jerry' Power
Monongahela

Joseph Gerald "Jerry" Power, 72, of Monongahela, died unexpectedly Monday, Oct. 26, 2009. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., Monongahela. A complete obituary will be announced in tomorrow's edition of The Valley Independent.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Anna Dubovsky
Levittown
Formerly of Monongahela

Anna Dubovsky, 97, of Levittown, formerly of Monongahela, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, in the Richboro Care Center and Rehabilitation, Richboro. She was born on Jan. 10, 1912, in Monongahela, a daughter of Harry and Mary Strunyak Minjock. Anna was a member of St. Anthony's Church in Monongahela. She enjoyed spending her time knitting, crocheting, playing cards and bingo. She is survived by three daughters, Mary Jane Behanna of Monongahela, Helen Placidi of Levittown, and Betty Jean Minor of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Albert Minjock of McKeesport, and Joe Minjock of Monongahela; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Dubovsky, who died Sept. 20, 1996; daughter Anna Mae Zadnik; five brothers, Harry, Michael, John, George and Andy Minjock; and two sisters, Mary Valentino and Helen Maxymczak. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 W. Main St., Monongahela. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church with the Rev. Joseph Feltz, pastor, as celebrant. Committal services and interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. The Ladies of Charity will recite the rosaries Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the funeral home. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Colon Cancer Alliance, 1200 G Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005. (www.ccalliance.org). When making a contribution, please designate your donation to its Philadelphia Chapter. To leave an online condolence, visit www.fryefuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

C. Keith Evans
Fredericktown (Centerville)

C. Keith Evans, 57, of Fredericktown (Centerville Borough), died unexpectedly Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, in UPMC Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. He was born Aug. 22, 1952, in Washington, Pa., a son of the late Charles R. Evans, who died Jan. 16, 1989, and Stella Rea Evans, who died Oct. 21, 2009. Mr. Evans was a 1970 graduate of Trinity High School and a graduate of Laurel Highlands Technical School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving for six years during the Vietnam era. He had been employed by Universal Stainless Inc. of Bridgeville for many years and was currently employed by Dynamet of Washington as an industrial electrician in the maintenance department. Mr. Evans was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Glyde, Pa., and enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, woodworking and being outdoors. He and his wife Kathleen served as foster parents for Try Again Homes for many years and had sponsored over 150 children. On July 19, 1975, he married Kathleen VanVarenberg, who survives. Also surviving are seven children, Adam Evans of Charleroi, Ethan Evans and wife Stana of Centerville, Sarah Evans of Pittsburgh, Nathan Evans of Centerville, Shane, Ashley, and Amber Evans, all at home; one brother, Joseph Evans of Washington; two sisters, Terri Brehler and husband William of Fernley, Nev., Judith Flowers and husband Dale of Canonsburg; two grandchildren, Julie and Samuel Evans; several nieces and nephews; and a special friend and extended family member, Erin Schultz Lawrence. Friends will be received from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, in the JOHN B. GREENLEE FUNERAL HOME, 2830 Main St., Beallsville, where funeral services will be held at 7 p.m., with the Rev. Peter D. Asplin officiating. Interment will be private. An online guest book and personal condolences may be accessed at www.GreenleeFuneralHome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Alvina J. Mauro
Rostraver Township

Alvina J. Mauro, 90, of Rostraver Township, died Monday Oct. 26, 2009, in the Monongahela Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. Friends will be received on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (www.dalfonso-billick.com). A complete obituary will appear in Wednesday's newspaper.

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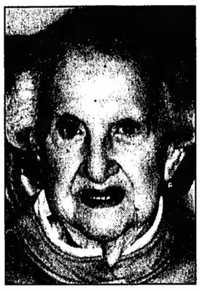

Louise F. (Cullen) Kortina
North Charleroi

Louise F. Cullen Kortina, 98, of North Charleroi, died on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, in Thorpe's Personal Care Home. Born in Monessen on March 12, 1911, she was the daughter of the late Valentine and Barbara Dulentin Cullen. She was Orthodox by faith. She was a member of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 194. She retired after 42 years of continuous service from Corning Glass, where she served nine years as president of Local 53 of the United Glass and Ceramic Workers, and was recently awarded her 75th year award. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Kortina; three sisters, Barbara Kerestic, Millie Chapko and an infant sister, Mary; and two brothers, Val and Frank Cullen. She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Louise Prezgar of Monessen, and Helen and Gene Golashewski of Rostraver Township; five grandchildren, John and his wife Sharon Prezgar of Chandler, Ariz., Gregory Prezgar of Rostraver Township, Andrea and her husband Jim Francis of Clairton, Stanley Golashewski of North Charleroi, and Jon Golashewski of Elizabeth (Forward Township); five great-grandchildren, Victoria and her husband Marc Mirenna of Dravosburg, Diana and her husband Mark Mosco of Van Voorhis, James Francis Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio, Stephanie Prezgar, and Petar Prezgar, both of Chandler, Ariz.; seven great-great-grandchildren, Joel, Justin, Jacey and Jerzy Mirenna, and Kayla, Wille and Dominic Mosco; two brothers, Nick Cullen of Monessen and Stephen Cullen of Panama City, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends will be received on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen, (724) 684-3700. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with Father Igor Seroka officiating. Interment will follow in Grandview Cemetery, Monessen.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Jack E. Smith
Elizabeth

Jack Elroy Smith, 88, of Elizabeth, living 20 years in Leesburg, Fla., 68 years in Elizabeth Township and West Mifflin, died Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, in Mon-Valley Hospital, Monongahela. Born Nov. 19, 1920, in Dravosburg. He retired in 1971 after 32 years of service as a foreman in by-products of U.S. Steel Clairton Works. He was a Navy World War II veteran, serving in Hollister, Calif. He was a member of the Victory Primitive Methodist Church, Elizabeth Township. He was also a former building maintenance man. He was a gospel singer and songwriter. He played the stringed instruments, especially the banjo, and was also a repairman for those instruments. He was a salesperson in area flea markets. He was the son of John and Amelia Halle Smith; and husband of the late Evelyn P. Smith for more than 46 years, who died in 1987; husband of Betty L. Rowan Sebold Smith for 20 years. Father of Glenn E. Smith, of Rostraver Township, Donald R. (Toni) Smith, of Elizabeth Township, Robert P. Smith, of Elizabeth Township, Cheryl L. (Curtis) Hayden, of Monessen, and the late Gene Smith; brother of Glenn (Irene) Smith, of Clairton, and Melvin (Nancy) Smith, of West Mifflin, Elaine Tamblyn, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and the late William Smith; stepfather of Frances Homer, of Washington D.C., and the late Gary Sebold; 21 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren. Friends received from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday S.M. FINNEY FUNERAL HOME, 432 N. Sixth St., Clairton, with a funeral service held at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Michael Sneeringer officiating. Interment in Lebanon Church Cemetery.

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POLICE LOG

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Two Bethel Park residents were injured in a one-vehicle accident on Mingo Church Road in Union Township 1:03 a.m. Friday. Driver Matthew Freund, 21, and passenger Daniel Schmidt, 21, were hurt when Freund lost control of his vehicle, which left the roadway, spun and then hit a mailbox, sidewalk and tree, police said. Freund was cited for speeding, according to police.

■ Rosalie Laktash, 71, of Belle Vernon, reported that during the hours of 9:39 p.m. Oct. 10 and 7:19 p.m. Oct. 12, someone used her check card to withdraw $634.25 from various ATMs in the Bentleyville area. The investigation is continuing.

CORRECTIONS / CLARIFICATIONS

BVA correction

In a story about the Clash of the Titans event that ran Oct. 23 on Page 10A under the headline, "Area high school students compete in business world," Belle Vernon Area High School was omitted from the list of participants.

NEWS

TODAY in HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 27, the 300th day of 2009. There are 65 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Oct. 27, 1787, the first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the U.S. Constitution, was published in New York.

On this date:

■ In 1795, the United States and Spain signed the Treaty of San Lorenzo (also known as "Pinckney's Treaty"), which provided for free navigation of the Mississippi River.

■ In 1858, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, was born in New York City.

■ In 1907, Union Station in Washington, D.C., opened.

■ In 1954, Walt Disney's first television program, entitled "Disneyland" after the yet-to-be completed theme park, premiered on ABC.

■ In 1978, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize for their progress toward achieving a Middle East accord.

■ **Ten years ago**: In the first debate of the Democratic presidential race, Al Gore sought to stem his decline in the polls by attacking rival Bill Bradley's health care and spending plans.

■ **Five years ago:** The Boston Red Sox won their first World Series since 1918, sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 4, 3-0.

■ **One year ago**: Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens was convicted in Washington of seven corruption charges for lying about free home renovations and other gifts from a wealthy oil contractor. (A judge later dismissed the case, saying prosecutors had withheld evidence that might have been favorable to Stevens at trial.)

■ **Today's Birthdays**: Actress Nanette Fabray is 89. Baseball Hall-of-Famer and sportscaster Ralph Kiner is 87. Actress Ruby Dee is 85. Former Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher is 84. Actor-comedian John Cleese is 70. Author Maxine Hong Kingston is 69. Country singer Lee Greenwood is 67. Producer-director Ivan Reitman is 63. Country singer-musician Jack Daniels is 60. Rock musician Garry Tallent (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 60. Author Fran Lebowitz is 59. Rock musician K.K. Downing (Judas Priest) is 58. TV personality Jayne Kennedy is 58. Actor Peter Firth is 56. Actor Robert Picardo is 56. World Golf Hall of Famer Patty Sheehan is 53. Singer Simon Le Bon (Duran Duran) is 51. Rock musician Jason Finn (Presidents of the United States of America) is 42. Rock singer Scott Weiland is 42. Actor Sean Holland is 41. Actress-singer Kelly Osbourne is 25.

Associated Press

An Afghan election worker looks at information sheets for the Nov. 7 runoff presidential election during a training session today at a local school in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Obama says he won't rush Afghan decision

Monday was the heaviest single-day loss of life since June 28, 2005.

By CHARLES BABINGTON and ANNE GEARAN
Associated Press Writers

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Despite Republican pressure to act quickly, President Barack Obama says he won't rush his decision about whether to send more troops to Afghanistan where 14 Americans died in the deadliest day for U.S. forces in more than four years.

"While I will never hesitate to use force to protect the American people or our vital interests, I also promise you this — and this is very important as we consider our next steps in Afghanistan: I will never rush the solemn decision of sending you into harm's way," Obama said Monday during a visit to Naval Air Station Jacksonville. "I won't risk your lives unless it is absolutely necessary."

Obama spoke on a day when a U.S. military helicopter crashed while returning from the scene of a fire fight with suspected Taliban drug traffickers in western Afghanistan. Ten Americans died in the crash. Four more troops were killed when two helicopters collided over southern Afghanistan.

It was the heaviest single-day loss of life since June 28, 2005, when 19 U.S. troops died, 16 of them aboard a Special Forces MH-47 Chinook helicopter that was shot down by insurgents.

Obama is nearing a decision on whether to commit large numbers of additional troops to the war next year. His top military commander in Afghanistan favors an increase of roughly 40,000, officials have told The Associated Press, which would allow the U.S. military to expand its reach in areas of the country's south and east now under Taliban sway.

Obama's visit to the naval air station came after he convened another in a series of White House war council sessions with about a half-dozen Cabinet officials and other top advisers earlier Monday in Washington amid Republican criticism that he is taking too long to choose his next move. The White House Situation Room session focused on the cooperation between U.S. military and civilian efforts in Afghanistan, White House officials said. Another session may be held later this week.

Obama did not tip his hand on how he might decide. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters that a decision was still expected in the coming weeks.

A war plan that asks Obama to commit tens of thousands of additional U.S. forces to Afghanistan is too ambitious, a top Senate Democrat said in Washington on Monday.

Sen. John Kerry, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman who was the White House's point man during last week's tense talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, praised commanding Gen. Stanley McChrystal but said his plan for adding troops in Afghanistan "goes too far, too fast."

Kerry's stance would aim for a modest increase in American forces, treading middle ground between Republicans who have said Obama would put soldiers and the country at risk by rejecting McChrystal's larger request and anti-war Democrats who question whether the United States already has taken on too much in Afghanistan.

3 DEA agents killed in crash

Illicit drug trade is a major source of funding for insurgents.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three Drug Enforcement Administration agents were killed Monday when a U.S. military helicopter went down in the west of Afghanistan, U.S. officials said.

The casualties mark the first DEA deaths in Afghanistan since the drug agency began operations there in 2005. Seven U.S. service members were also killed in the crash in the west of the country. Officials say the helicopter had left the scene of a fire fight with insurgents.

"DEA is an extremely tight family, and the death of these three brave agents is a devastating loss for us," DEA administrator Michele Leonhart said in a statement. "No expressions of grief can adequately convey the depth of the collective sorrow that we feel for their loved ones."

Officials did not identify the three agents, or say where they lived.

Afghanistan is the world's largest producer of opium — the raw ingredient in heroin — and the illicit drug trade is a major source of funding for insurgent groups.

In the past year, the DEA has launched an ambitious plan to increase its personnel in Afghanistan from about a dozen to nearly 80, greatly expanding its role, particularly in military actions against drug traffickers.

Attorney General Eric Holder said the cause of the crash was under investigation. U.S. military authorities did not immediately give a cause. A Taliban spokesman claimed they shot down a helicopter in the northwest Badghis province, but it was impossible to verify the claim.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Public insurance option hot issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The focus of the health overhaul debate now shifts to whether Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid can persuade a handful of moderate senators to get behind his new proposal for a government-sponsored insurance plan.

That's no sure bet. Even Reid, D-Nev., didn't claim to have the 60 votes needed to pass his proposal when he ended weeks of speculation by announcing that the Senate version of sweeping health care legislation would include a provision for the government to sell health insurance in competition with private insurers.

The issue has been the biggest flash point in the health care debate, and government-sponsored insurance had been seen as unlikely to be included in Senate legislation because of opposition from moderates. The House's health care bill, expected to be released as early as this week, is certain to contain a strong provision for a so-called public insurance option, though details aren't final.

"I think it's the fairest way to go," Reid told reporters Monday.

"We have 60 people in the caucus," he said. "We all hug together and see where we come out."

Recession over but pain remains

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's about to become official: The recession is over — but not the pain.

The government will release figures this week expected to show that the economy has awakened from its deepest slump since the 1930s and is in the early stages of a recovery. But the following week, the government will issue another set of figures expected to show unemployment continuing to rise toward and possibly above a clearly recessionary 10 percent.

How can both be possible?

The government releases third-quarter Gross Domestic Product figures on Thursday. Many forecasters say they will show GDP growing at an annual rate of about 3 percent, validating a widely held belief among economists that the recession ended in June or July.

But try telling that to the more than 15 million still unemployed, the small businesses and individuals who can't get loans and the people whose homes are worth less than their mortgages.

Wayward pilots were on laptops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Northwest Airlines pilots who flew 150 miles past their destination because they were focused on laptop computers instead of cockpit displays may have opened a new avenue of concern for safety regulators — distracting personal electronic devices on the flight deck.

The pilots of Northwest flight 188 told the National Transportation Safety Board that they were so engrossed in a complicated new crew-scheduling program on their laptops — a cockpit violation of airline policy that could cost them their licenses — that they lost track of time and place for more than an hour until they were brought back to alertness by a flight attendant on an intercom.

By then, the Airbus A320 with its 144 passengers and five crew members had cruised past its Minneapolis destination and was over Wisconsin, at 37,000 feet.

The pilots — Richard Cole of Salem, Ore., the first officer, and Timothy Cheney of Gig Harbor, Wash., the captain — denied they had fallen asleep as aviation experts have suggested, the safety board said in recounting investigators' interviews with the men over the weekend.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $225,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Monday's game.

Lottery officials said 40 players matched four numbers and won $390.50 each; 1,853 players matched three numbers and won $14 each; and 24,538 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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OUR OPINION

Control oil prices with more drilling

SO NOW Energy Secretary Steven Chu is "nervous" about oil prices that rose above $80 a barrel last week, a new high for the year, and the impact this portends for the economy. His concern is hardly convincing.

The same Chu told The Wall Street Journal in September 2008 that "somehow we have to figure out how to boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Europe," which at the time was $8 a gallon.

Welcome to a White House administration whose pea-green ideas about U.S. "energy independence" don't include domestic oil, which is abundant and within reach.

Remember the public outcry over $4-a-gallon gas? That prompted Congress last year to abandon its 27-year moratorium on offshore oil exploration and drilling in America's territorial waters. It's estimated these areas could contain 19 billion barrels of untapped oil — about 30 years of current imports from Saudi Arabia.

But rather than expedite leasing and begin the lengthy process to pump oil, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar says he's uncertain about implementing a new, five-year drilling plan before the existing leasing program ends in 2012.

Chu says the administration is working on market transparency to reduce "uncertainties" and oil price swings. At best, that's a fuzzy short-term fix. For the long term, America must drill.

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

ANOTHER VIEW

The Jackson (Tenn.) Sun, on nuclear waste:

If a friend asked to dump his garbage in your yard because he knew you would know what to do with it, what would you say? Probably, no thanks. That's what the U.S. should say to countries that want to send their nuclear waste here for processing and storage. Thankfully, Sen. Lamar Alexander and U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon of Murfreesboro are sponsoring legislation in Congress to keep other countries' nuclear waste out of the U.S.

No other nation allows the importation and storage of another country's nuclear waste. We shouldn't, either.

The controversy arose when a private Utah company, EnergySolutions, asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for permission to bring in 20,000 tons of low-level radioactive waste from Italy. The company would process the waste in Tennessee and store the resulting 1,600 tons at a private facility 80 miles west of Salt Lake City. The NRC also said it has applications from Mexico and Brazil to do the same thing.

The U.S. handles its own nuclear waste based on a regional system established by Congress in the 1980s. Current laws don't address importing nuclear waste from other countries. But that issue is addressed in the proposed legislation. ...

The problem with allowing the waste to come to the U.S. is that America will become the world's dumping ground for nuclear waste. That's because no other country will accept the stuff. This is not a "world leader" designation America needs. ...

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Party polarization hurts effort to control debt

Morton **KONDRACKE**

Suddenly, it's occurred to liberals as well as wonky budget hawks that the nation's fiscal future is "unsustainable," but the chances of action — short of a crisis — are near zero.

That's because of political polarization. For years, Republicans have complained about "runaway entitlement growth," but to sink health care reform this year, they are resorting to an old Democratic tactic — scaring seniors — to block cuts in Medicare outlays.

The same thing happened in reverse when President George W. Bush tried to reform Social Security. Democrats charged that he wanted to "privatize" the system and leave seniors victim to the vagaries of the stock market.

Bush also tried to get Democrats to form a bipartisan commission to reform entitlements, but they refused en masse because Vice President Dick Cheney opined on a TV show that he opposed raising taxes.

When Republicans were in charge of the government, they acted as if — and Cheney even said — "deficits don't matter."

But now that Democrats are in charge, Republicans are complaining about burgeoning deficits and trying to pin them on President Barack Obama.

The fact is that deficits do matter. If they continue piling up at their present rate, deficits will stifle growth, lower the nation's standard of living and diminish its global standing.

Another fact is that both parties have done their part to create the fiscal mess. Both parties ought to agree to deal with it. But both find it to their advantage to simply point fingers at the other.

The Treasury Department just reported that for fiscal 2009, the federal deficit will be $1.4 trillion — 9.9 percent of gross domestic product, the highest since the end of World War II.

Once the recession ends, that percentage will fall, but there is no prospect that the budget will ever be in balance, and national debt will continue to rise.

It was 33 percent of GDP in 2001, when Bush took office. It's 54 percent this year. The Congressional Budget Office estimates it will rise to 71 percent by the end of Obama's first term in 2013 and to 82 percent by 2019.

For several years, a bipartisan group of budget-hawk Cassandras has been calling attention to the problem.

They include David Walker, former head of the Government Accountability Office and now president of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, and experts at the Heritage Foundation, the Brookings Institution, the Concord Coalition and the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

Late last month, they were joined by the liberal Center for American Progress (CAP), which staged an all-day program built around a paper titled "Deal With It: A Guide to Federal Deficit and Debt."

News stories emanating from the conference concentrated on remarks by the CAP's president, former White House Chief of Staff John Podesta, touting a value-added tax — a national sales tax — as a means of raising new revenue to close the deficit.

As expected, Podesta's idea was immediately attacked by conservative anti-taxers as a scheme to expand government.

In fact, the CAP paper, written by analysts Michael Ettlinger and Michael Linden, was a sober assessment of the debt problem, its consequences for liberal purposes and the difficulties of doing anything about it.

"High levels of government borrowing can reduce domestic investment, lower future incomes, raise interest rates and spur inflation," the analysts wrote.

"These can damage the economy and hurt people who see their wages fail to keep up with rising costs or find the price of purchasing a home prohibitively expensive."

Moreover, debt and its inevitable consequences — a cheapened dollar and high interest rates — may lead investors, workers and foreign lenders to take action to protect themselves, "raising the specter of another financial crisis," they wrote.

According to Ettlinger and Linden, the country can't solve the problem simply by cutting spending or raising taxes. Federal spending would have to be cut 18 percent to balance the budget by 2014, or taxes would have to be raised by 22 percent.

"Finding an answer to this problem is not going to be easy," they wrote.

"There are too many immovable objects — too many spending areas that can't be cut, too many taxes that can't be raised.

"And yet, these deficits are too large to be tolerated. Something has to give. And the longer we wait, the harder it gets, as the cost of debt service gets greater and deficits grow."

Obama's budget director, Peter Orszag, has promised that the president's 2011 budget will contain proposals to deal with the deficit problem.

But given the political atmosphere, Obama's ideas — if they involve taxes — are likely to be rejected by Republicans and — if they involve Social Security, Medicare or social program cuts — by Democrats, too.

The fact is that both need to happen — taxes raised and the growth of programs controlled. Americans need to save more for their own retirement instead of depending on government support.

So far, proposals for a bipartisan fiscal commission by Sens. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., and Judd Gregg, R-N.H., and Reps. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., and Frank Wolf, R-Va., have gone nowhere.

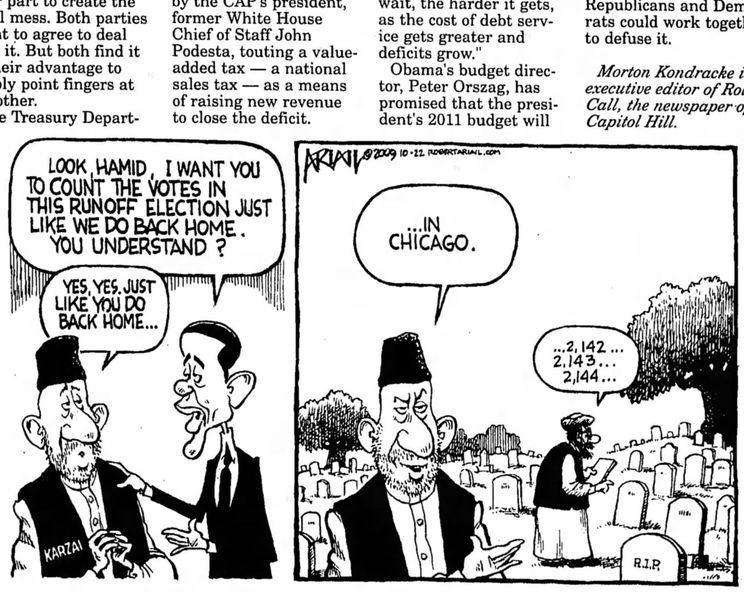
It may take a crisis to produce movement — such as a decision by China, America's top creditor, to stop buying U.S. debt, or a serious international move to drop the dollar as the world's reserve currency, or the loss of America's AAA bond rating.

Or perhaps it will take a political crisis, such as the emergence of a third-party presidential candidate in 2012 who will make deficit reduction as important as Ross Perot made it in 1992.

Perot received only 19 percent of the vote, but at one point he led in the polls. Deficit reduction became a priority for the incoming Clinton administration and, after Republicans won control of Congress, it became a reality.

One way or another, the debt bomb will create a crisis. It would be better if, somehow, Republicans and Democrats could work together to defuse it.

Morton Kondracke is executive editor of Roll Call, the newspaper of Capitol Hill.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Vaccines can be deadly

YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

Some doctors promote vaccinations, but other doctors speak against vaccinations. Many healthy people who took vaccinations have become sick and died. Most people were not told about bad vaccination results.

For medical treatments we should be educated and have a right to say no. Most U.S. children during the first year after birth have 20 vaccinations and 36 before school attendance.

I read that each year 5,000 U.S. children die from vaccinations.

Many people who took the 1976 swine flu vaccination became paralyzed and some died. The recent Swine flu vaccination has many toxic ingredients, including squalene. Squalene was used in a vaccination resulting in Gulf War Syndrome, which I read resulted in many thousands of soldiers dead.

The U.S. military leaders require that the soldiers take the recent Swine flu vaccination.

The WHO and CDC suggest some of the first people in the general population for Swine flu vaccination to be health care workers. Since a country needs a health care system, some wars include bombing hospitals.

A toxic vaccination causing death to many health care workers is as effective as bombing hospitals.

Pandemic laws, which were made in opposition to the true intent of the U.S. Bill of Rights, may be enforced to mandate vaccinations for most of us. The swine flu vaccination situation amounts to crimes, murders, terrorism, genocide and war.

I hope a lawsuit will get the swine flu vaccination prevented. If not, other actions will be needed, perhaps impeachments and recalls.

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Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and her friends are talking to some aliens! See if you can find:

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- cup
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- pineapple
- drum
- heart
- bird
- number 8
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- tomato
- bell
- word MINI

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"The War of the Worlds"

A Halloween Scare

"We interrupt this broadcast to bring you a special news bulletin ..."

Have you ever heard words like these while you were watching television or listening to the radio? When there's important news to share, stations will sometimes break into a show with the announcement.

On the night before Halloween in 1938, as some Americans listened to a favorite show on the radio, they heard a similar announcement. This time, the announcer was a player on a dramatic show called "The Mercury Theater on the Air." He told listeners that aliens from Mars were attacking Earth. But some people didn't realize that the announcement was part of the show.

As they listened to the make-believe news, some thought the events were really happening.

This artwork by *Henrique Alvim Correa* is from a 1906 printing of the book "The War of the Worlds."

In the book, Martian "tripods" like this one fight against England's armies.

"The War of the Worlds"

More than 100 years ago, an English author named H.G. Wells wrote a book called "The War of the Worlds." It was about aliens from Mars attacking Earth.

This type of writing is called **science fiction.** Wells wrote the story much like a newspaper article, in a convincing way.

H.G. Wells (1866-1946)

The Mercury Theater

Orson Welles (1915-1985)

Then, about 70 years ago, an actor named Orson Welles started a theater group in New York City. On the Mercury Theater's radio show, actors performed different stories from famous authors such as Mark Twain ("Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"), Robert Louis Stevenson ("Treasure Island") and Jules Verne ("Around the World in Eighty Days").

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Tasty Tomato Salad

You'll need:

- 2 cups tomatoes, diced
- 1 small avocado, cubed
- 1 cup cucumber, chopped
- ¼ cup cilantro, chopped
- juice from 1 small lime
- salt and pepper to taste

What to do:

1. Combine vegetables and cilantro in a medium bowl.
2. Stir in lime juice and seasonings.
3. Refrigerate to blend flavors. Makes 4 side servings.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Meet Bobb'e J. Thompson

Bobb'e J. Thompson is the voice of Cal in the movie "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs."

He began appearing on stage as a rapper when he was 5 years old. He started acting on TV when he was 6 years old. He has been in such shows as "That's So Raven." He has been in several movies, including "Fred Claus" and "Imagine That." He was the voice of Shortie No. 1 in "Shark Tale."

Bobb'e has also appeared in several commercials and has danced in a music video. He is hosting a show on the Cartoon Network called "Bobb'e Says."

Bobb'e, 13, was born in Kansas City, Mo. He has eight older brothers and sisters. He enjoys playing football.

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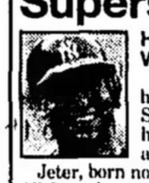
Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Derek Jeter



Height: 6-3 **Birthdate: 6-26-74**
Weight: 195 **Grew up: Kalamazoo, Mich.**

It was another one of those memorable moments in the magical history of baseball. New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter hammered a single on Sept. 11 to break legendary Lou Gehrig's team record for most career hits. That shot to right field gave the Yankee captain hit No. 2,722, and drew a thunderous ovation from more than 46,000 fans.

Jeter, born not far from where he has gained fame, is a 10-time American League All-Star shortstop. He also has won several Gold Glove awards for fielding and contributed to four World Series titles. In 2000 he was voted MVP in both the World Series and the All-Star Game.

Hailed as one of the game's best hitting shortstops, Jeter batted .300 or better in 10 of his first 13 seasons. And he continues to pummel opposing pitchers — his average was .332 in mid-September.

Off the field, he is involved with the Turn 2 Foundation, his charity organization. It is designed to help young people refrain from drugs and alcohol and also honors students who achieve academically.

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What Made It Scary?

When we read about events in history, it sometimes helps to know what else was going on in the world when those events happened.

The radio broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" was set in Grovers Mill, N.J., a small town on the East Coast of the United States. Playwright Howard Koch helped write the show, which was presented as news bulletins over about an hour.

Orson Welles at the microphone during the broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" in 1938. During the show, Welles played an astronomer, or a scientist who studies space, giving an interview.

Listener panic

Some people who heard the broadcast became frightened when they thought Martians had landed on Earth. They called neighbors and friends, helping to spread the panic.

People even went to Grovers Mill to look for the aliens.

No television

Remember, in 1938, TV was still being perfected. Most American homes had radios, though. Families sat around the radio in the evening listening to funny or dramatic shows or their favorite sports games.

Americans had great confidence in reports they heard on the radio. Along with entertainment, radio was a source of news.

Preparing for war

During the late 1930s, Adolf Hitler was gaining power in Germany. He was trying to take over parts of Czechoslovakia and other territories.

In mid-October 1938, Winston Churchill, a political leader in the United Kingdom, said the U.S. must prepare for war against Hitler. This talk of war made Americans nervous.

In addition, the Great Depression of the early 1930s, when many Americans lost their jobs and their homes, left some people still feeling insecure about their futures.

Science taking off

Americans in the 1930s had great interest in science and science fiction. Airplanes, cars, TV and other technology were developing very quickly. All these things combined to make people more likely to believe the broadcast.

The Mini Page thanks Richard J. Hand, professor of theater and media drama, University of Glamorgan, Wales, United Kingdom, for help with this issue.

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Now It's Your Turn

Mary Pope Osborne

Why not write your own story for Halloween? You might get friends and family to help you act it out and record it on audiotape or videotape.

"The War of the Worlds" is full of **suspense.** Suspense makes a reader feel tense or anxious about how things will turn out. You can write a suspenseful story that will keep your readers or listeners on the edges of their seats! The Mini Page got some suggestions from Mary Pope Osborne, author of the "Magic Treehouse" series of books, to get you started.

My Halloween Story by Alpha Betty

1. Start with an IDEA. Do you like to think about frightening or puzzling events? Mary Pope Osborne said: "In the course of storytelling, certain events are scary and mysterious things often simply occur."

Your ideas may come from people you know or a movie you have.

My Halloween Story by Alpha Betty

2. Where will your story take place? This is called the SETTING. You can create a scary mood with setting. What places give you the creeps? Are stories more suspenseful if they take place at night? What kinds of sounds add a scary feeling? These details will keep your readers' attention.

A note from Mary Pope Osborne

Sometimes writing a scary story can help you get over a fear you have. "I once had a great fear of spiders until I wrote two books with a spider hero."

My Halloween Story by Alpha Betty

3. Next, decide who will be in your story. What sorts of people go with your idea? For example, if your story is about a haunted house, maybe your main CHARACTER is a crusty, seen-looking caretaker who lives there. Write about what your characters are thinking, saying and doing throughout the story.

A note from Mary Pope Osborne

"No matter how suspenseful a story is, the reader has to believe in what is happening to the characters. You can't race ahead and make things happen. Events have to evolve in a natural way. You often surprise yourself by what turns up."

My Halloween Story by Alpha Betty

4. Work out your PLOT. This is your original idea unfolding into a tale. What happens to your characters? Are they in danger? Why? Is there conflict, or a struggle, between two or more characters? How is the conflict resolved, or worked out? Can you think of a surprising ending?

A note from Mary Pope Osborne

"You sort of know how it should turn out, but you should be open to discovery. I outline my stories, but the outline changes a lot as I start the work."

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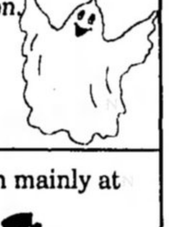
MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?



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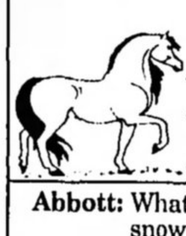

Aaron: What type of horse is seen mainly at Halloween?
Abby: A nightmare!

Abbott: What do you hear when a snowman enters a haunted house?
Ace: Ice screams!

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Basset Brown The News Hound's Halloween TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of "The War of the Worlds" are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: RADIO, BROADCAST, MERCURY, HALLOWEEN, WELLS, ALIEN, MARS, THEATER, ORSON, WAR, SCIENCE, FICTION, DEPRESSION, SUSPENSE, SETTING, CHARACTER, PLOT, IDEA, SCARY, WRITE.

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Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for Web sites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

At the library:

- "Magic Tree House #42: A Good Night for Ghosts" by Mary Pope Osborne
- "Aliens Are Coming!" by Meghan McCarthy

On the Web:

- www.randomhouse.com/kids/magictreehouse/club.html

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NEWS

Thinking about Social Security? Do the math now

When you decide to take it can influence how much you'll get.

By The Associated Press

BOSTON — Many Americans take Social Security early, at age 62, because they really need it. They're in poor health or unemployed or both. Others take benefits early because they're worried they'll lose out on what's rightfully theirs if benefits are reduced. But few people try to figure out the best age to take Social Security — and that's a serious mistake.

Even though it's challenging, calculating the best time to take benefits is well worth it, especially given that Social Security represents about one-third of the average retiree's income.

What's key is evaluating the so-called break-even period to determine whether it would be better to delay Social Security benefits (delaying them means a higher monthly benefit), take a reduced benefit early, or start them at "normal" retirement age. Of course, there's a good reason why so few people really do the calculations.

"When to begin Social Security retirement benefits is a challenging question that vexes many financial planners and clients," Michael Kitces, editor of *The Kitces Report,* wrote in a recent issue.

Living beyond the break-even point can produce large amounts of wealth relative to the risk. But delaying Social Security benefits does represent a serious risk, Kitces said: If you wait and then die before claiming your benefit, it really messes things up for your widow. Still, there are situations in which delaying Social Security retirement benefits can pay off significantly.

"Is it better to begin payments early, or to delay Social Security and forfeit current payments to receive a larger income stream in the future?" he said.

"Although the analysis of such a question would seem relatively straightforward, the complex rules of Social Security make the evaluation more difficult, especially when evaluating the implications of living beyond the so-called 'break-even' point."

PUTTING IT OFF CAN PAY OFF

One of the biggest risks to your retirement plan is unexpected longevity — living longer than you expect and having to fund additional years of retirement. "The decision to delay Social Security provides tremendous additional value, at the exact time that it is needed," Kitces said.

Another risk: High inflation. "To the extent that inflation turns out to be unexpectedly high, delaying Social Security benefits also turns out to be an effective inflation hedge, because the value of delaying increases in higher inflation environments," he wrote.

Though not the case now, during high inflation, which many predict on the horizon, you would get larger cost-of-living adjustments.

Also, a low rate of return on investments poses a risk. "The decision to delay (benefits) also turns out to be an indirect hedge to poor returns in the portfolio," Kitces wrote.

HOW TO DECIDE

"At the most basic level, the decision about whether or not to delay Social Security retirement benefits represents a very straight-forward trade-off," Kitces wrote.

"You can either receive cash payments now, in your pocket, to spend or invest however you choose, or you can give up those payments in exchange for receiving a higher stream of income for life at a future date."

Here are the things you should consider to make a more informed decision.

1. What's your normal retirement age?

The first order of business: You need to know what your normal retirement age, or NRA, is. If you were born in 1937 or earlier, it's 65. If you were born in 1960 or later, it's 67. And if you were born between 1938 and 1959, it's somewhere in between.

Of note: If you were born in 1943, your NRA is 66. And since it's now 2009, that means anyone born in 1943 is now at NRA, the age at which you can receive your full Social Security benefit. You can find your NRA at this Social Security Web site: http://www.ssa.gov/OACT/ProgData/nra.html.

Once you know your NRA, you can calculate how much Social Security benefits will be increased or decreased if you choose to take your benefit later or earlier than your NRA. Take your benefit before NRA, and it's reduced by 5/9ths of 1 percent for each month the benefits begin early, up to a maximum of 36 months before your NRA.

Take your benefit after your NRA and the benefit is adjusted upward, depending on the year in which you were born, due to the "delayed retirement credit."

With delayed retirement credits, at least under current law, a person can receive his or her largest benefit by retiring at age 70.

A person born in January of 1943, for instance, who waited until 50 months after reaching full retirement age would have a benefit of about 132 percent of their primary insurance amount. You can get a sense of how much larger your benefit would be at this Social Security Web site: http://www.ssa.gov/OACT/quickcalc/early-late.html.

2. Will you be working?

Next, you need to determine whether you'll be working, especially if you have not yet reached full or normal retirement age, according to Kitces. Because of Social Security's earnings test; Kitces says it's almost always a bad idea to take Social Security benefits early if you have earned income greater than the earnings test threshold. Social Security withholds benefits if your earnings exceed a certain level, called a "retirement earnings test exempt amount," and if you are under your NRA.

But it's also important to note that one of two different exempt amounts applies, depending on the year in which you reach your NRA.

Under the earnings test, your Social Security benefits are reduced by $1 for every $2 of earned income that you have in excess of $14,160 per year. But if your NRA is 2009, your benefit is reduced $1 for every $3 of earned income in excess of $37,680.

3. How's your health?

At the end of the day, Kitces said the most significant factor in the entire process of evaluating the decision to delay Social Security is whether you're likely to live long enough to receive value from higher monthly benefits. The shorter your life expectancy, be it because of health, genetic, or other relevant factors, the less prospective value to delaying Social Security.

If you're not expected to live long enough to reach the break-even point or you're so unhealthy that you may only live a few more years, "it will virtually always make sense to begin benefits as soon as possible, and get as many payments as possible," Kitces said.

Now the tricky part here is two-fold: First, what's your life expectancy?

In 2006, life expectancy at birth for the total population reached 78.1 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But a man at 62 has a life expectancy of about 19 years, and a woman of the same age has a life expectancy of 22 years. By the way, you can calculate your personal life expectancy at Living to 100.com.

Besides calculating your life expectancy, you need to calculate your personal break-even number.

According to Kitces, once you factor in such things as the time value of money with an appropriate discount rate and the inflation adjustments for the increased benefits when delaying Social Security benefits, break-even points vary from 15 years to 23 years.

So don't blindly accept some rule of thumb that you've read — crunch the numbers. One such calculator can be found at analyzenow.com with others on the Social Security Web site, www.ssa.gov.

THE TRADEOFFS

Now, if you don't plan to automatically defer benefits or start benefits early, Kitces said, "you have to evaluate the prospective tradeoffs between electing benefits early, or delaying benefits with the risk of not living to the break-even period and the opportunity for wealth creation by living beyond it."

To do this, you first have to pick a conservative growth rate, as well as an assumption for inflation. What's more, you need look at your retirement cash-flow needs and other income sources and investments, the risks you might face in retirement, and your longevity.

Once you have a sense of the tradeoffs, you can come up with the best possible answer for your situation, rather than the rule-of-thumb case.

THE CAVEATS

If you're married, you'll need to figure out what impact your decision regarding the timing of your Social Security benefits will have on both spousal benefits and widow's benefits. Also, you'll need to figure the effect of taxes on your decision.

"Social Security benefits have their own unique rules for determining the amount of benefits that will be subject to taxation, and there is significant interplay between the taxation of Social Security benefits and other aspects of the client's planning situation that may create taxable income and affect the taxability of Social Security," Kitces said.

There you have it. You can certainly take Social Security early if you want. Goodness knows many do.

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POLITICAL NEWS

Onorato's campaign approaches $6 million

Allegheny County executive has raised 10 times more money than any of his gubernatorial rivals.

By MIKE WERESCHAGIN
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The governor's race likely soon will have its first Six Million Dollar Man.

Allegheny County Dan Onorato said Monday he is closing in on the mark, which is 10 times more than the highest total reported by any of his Democratic rivals. That gap speaks louder than the money Onorato has raised, said University of Pittsburgh political communications professor Gerald Shuster.

"The sign of who the power brokers prefer is who has the most money," Shuster said. "That money is not coming in from Pittsburgh. That money is coming in from everywhere."

The campaign's latest fundraiser was an event in Philadelphia's Comcast Center on Wednesday, the total for which is being tallied.

Onorato's campaign said its fundraising success reflects the candidate's broad appeal.

"It's clear that people are beginning to recognize that Dan has a real record of accomplishment that will not only serve him well in a run for governor, but as governor," said campaign spokesman Dan Fee.

Candidates for next year's governor's race are not required to report campaign contributions until January, but calls to each campaign show Republican Tom Corbett's total of $2.3 million in donations is the closest any candidate comes to Onorato. Corbett's rival, Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Gerlach, a Chester County Republican, declined to say how much his campaign has raised.

Among Democrats who disclosed what they've raised, Auditor General Jack Wagner, D-Beechview, came closest to Onorato with about $600,000.

"Dan's been running for two and a half years," said Eileen Wagner, Jack Wagner's sister and a campaign worker. Jack Wagner "has been raising money for this campaign for, I'd say, three months."

Montgomery County Commissioner Joe Hoeffel, the latest entrant in the race, began raising money about two weeks ago. He would not say how much he has, but he hopes to have $1 million by year's end.

Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty's spokesman, Mark Nevins, said the campaign hadn't tallied contributions, but "we're going to have the money at the end of the year to run a very competitive campaign. ... Six million dollars is nice, except at the end of the day, having $6 million to sell a candidate no one wants to buy isn't all that useful."

Philadelphia businessman Tom Knox won't disclose how much he has raised until year's end, but for him it's beside the point. Knox plans to dump millions from his personal fortune into the race.

"Onorato is going to need every penny he's raised," said Knox spokesman Josh Morrow.

Knox is the only Philadelphian in the race, but he's not well-liked by the Democratic establishment there, and "if there are any two places in the entire United States where the machine still wins the day, one is Chicago and the other is Philadelphia," Shuster said.

Doherty and Hoeffel both said they plan to attack Onorato by arguing he is too conservative for the party's base.

"I recognize I won't have as much money as either Tom Knox or Dan Onorato, but I think I've got the right issues and the right momentum," said Hoeffel, who describes himself as "socially liberal and fiscally responsible."

Wagner's early advantage is name recognition, said Shuster. Wagner is the only Democrat in the race with two statewide election victories.

"It's not going to be an automatic victory for" Onorato, Shuster said. "I'd be surprised, frankly, if he didn't raise more than anybody else (at this point in the race). But that by no means assures Dan Onorato the governor's chair."

Reid faces fight for re-election

Senate majority leader isn't guaranteed a fifth six-year term.

By MICHAEL BLOOD
Associated Press Writer

SEARCHLIGHT, Nev. — Along a curve of desert highway near the gated home of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, mechanic Bill Johnson is struggling to keep his checkbook balanced.

With Nevada's economy poisoned by recession and the nation's highest foreclosure and bankruptcy rates, business at Johnson's boat-repair shop has nose-dived 40 percent since last year. He cannot afford health insurance, and his sewer bill jumped to $875 a year.

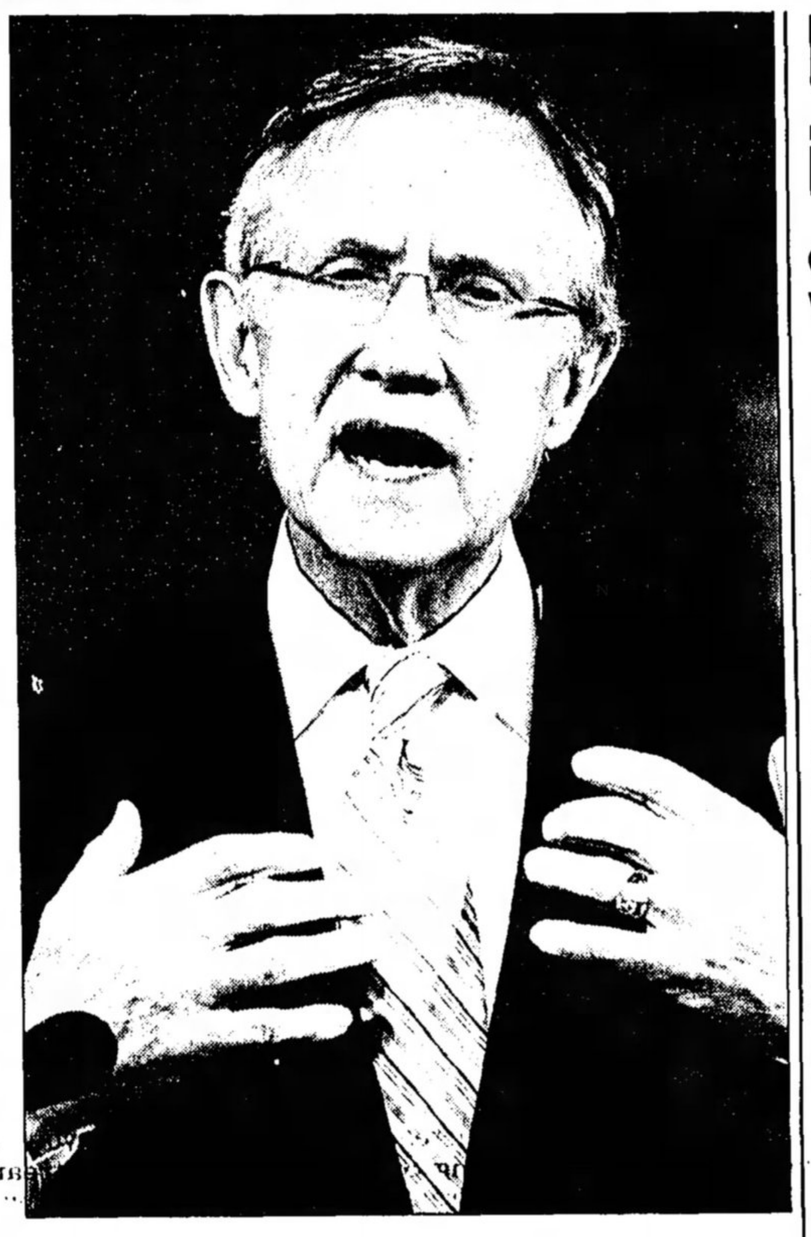
"I really have to pose a question: Harry, what have you done for me lately?" asks Johnson, who vows to vote against Reid and other incumbents unless health care is made affordable.

Johnson's exasperation demonstrates the problems Reid faces as he runs for a fifth term next year in a political climate made treacherous by Nevada's economic turmoil and his high-profile role in pushing President Barack Obama's agenda.

Never a particularly beloved figure in Nevada despite a public career that dates to the 1960s, Reid has been derided as out of touch with Main Street and out of step with Nevada's moderate politics.

Many Republicans consider him one of the most vulnerable incumbents on Capitol Hill.

A veteran of close elections, Reid is leaving nothing to chance. He is already airing TV ads and is about halfway to his goal of raising $25 million for the race, an unprecedented amount for Nevada. He raised $7 million in 2004.



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Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, of Nevada, gestures while speaking about health care reform during a Monday news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. Reid is facing a tough re-election campaign.

Reid has recruited a long line of party luminaries to help raise money and polish his image, including Obama.

Earlier this month, Vice President Joe Biden spoke at a $2,400-a-plate fundraiser in Reno and credited Reid with helping push through the $787 billion stimulus package.

The 69-year-old Reid, a miner's son who worked his way through law school, tells voters he has the clout to make a difference in their lives

And he has a long record of proving doubters wrong: He has been a state legislator, lieutenant governor, congressman and four-term senator. He has been majority leader since 2007.

But even here, where Reid is both a celebrity and neighbor, there are complaints about his politics and his often dour and prickly personality, confirming polls showing that the most powerful Democrat in the Senate is not necessarily a hero at home.

The risks he faces were demonstrated all too clearly in 2004, when Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, a South Dakota Democrat, was defeated for re-election.

Donations become issue in state court campaign

Can donations from trial lawyers win undue influence with judges?

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG — A candidate for an open seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court said Monday her opponent may have been unduly influenced by donations from trial lawyers, although she has received lesser amounts from the same sources.

Republican Joan Orie Melvin told a Pennsylvania Press Club luncheon in Harrisburg that there may be a link between Democrat Jack Panella's campaign contributions and his record on the Northampton County Common Pleas Court and state Superior Court benches.

"Is it pay-to-play? Is it justice for sale? I don't know, but it sure sounds suspect," said Melvin, who said the Supreme Court should consider capping donations to limit their influence on judges.

Melvin and Panella, both sitting Superior Court judges, are facing off in the Nov. 3 election that will determine the partisan balance of the seven-justice high court.

Panella campaign spokesman Dan Fee said that besides the money from plaintiffs' lawyers, Melvin also has collected large sums from Republican leaders in the Pennsylvania Senate. Her sister, Allegheny County Sen. Jane Clare Orie, serves as whip, the No. 3 ranking position in the GOP caucus.

"If she's announcing to the world that that kind of money is corrupting her, then she shouldn't be running," Fee said.

"She can't have different standards for different people, can she?"

Melvin, 53, who lives in the Pittsburgh suburb of Wexford, won endorsements Sunday from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Patriot-News*, of Harrisburg.

The Post-Gazette said either candidate would be an excellent choice but favored Melvin as a product of western Pennsylvania and as another female voice on the court. *The Inquirer* credited her for "an outsider's viewpoint."

Panella, 54, of Easton, was endorsed by the *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*.

On Monday, Melvin accused Panella of airing what she described as defamatory negative ads against her and defended a new state Republican Party television spot that implies Panella should have done more in his position on a judicial ethics panel to prevent the "kids for cash" juvenile court corruption scandal in Luzerne County.

"You can't wash your hands of the corruption and say, 'Oh, we referred to the U.S. attorney.' You just can't," Melvin said. "These were children's lives."

Fee said federal prosecutors have said the Judicial Conduct Board acted appropriately in handling the matter and accused Melvin of trying to distract voters from comparing the two candidates' qualifications and temperament.

Melvin also distanced herself from an Internet advertisement the state party briefly ran that asked voters if they were "tired of Barack Obama, Ed Rendell, Arlen Specter and big government Democrats ruining our nation." The "O" in Obama was rendered as a hammer and sickle, a symbol of the former Soviet Union.

Melvin said she had not known about the ad before it began to run, even though it featured her photograph.

"As soon as I received notice, I demanded that it be taken down," she said.

NYC mayor targets voters to extreme

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg has spent millions of dollars to get inside the head of every New York City voter, hundreds of thousands of whom will get pre-recorded "robocalls" narrowly targeted to appeal to their tastes and urging them to get out and vote.

Chinatown residents older than 45, for example, could get a call that is two-thirds Chinese and one-third English. Younger voters would hear more English with a bit of Chinese. Caribbean-American voters could get calls in English, but with a Caribbean lilt.

Those who live in large apartment complexes might hear a recording of their building manager or a well-known resident.

New Yorkers who live in liberal, politically active neighborhoods like Brooklyn's Park Slope could get a call from the leader of Planned Parenthood or another group that advocates for a Democratic issue.

It is one of the highly meticulous ways that the Bloomberg operation is using its extensive voter database to contact New Yorkers before the Nov. 3 election.

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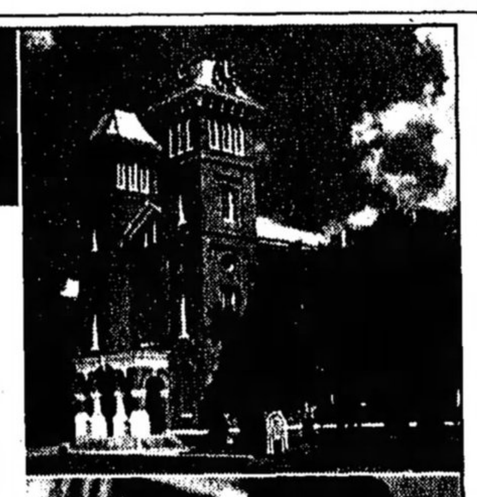

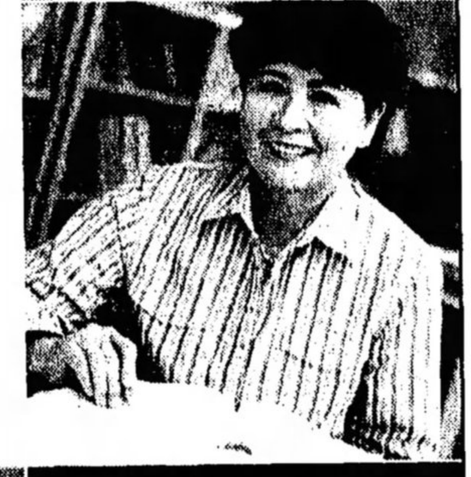

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Sebelius: Ample flu vaccine will be available

HHS secretary tries to calm immunization fears.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Monday the swine flu vaccine "is coming out the door as fast as it comes off the production line."

But at the same time, she acknowledged delays in getting a sufficient supply for all those demanding it.

"We were relying on the manufacturers to give us their numbers and as soon as we got numbers we put them out to the public. It does appear now that those numbers were overly rosy," Sebelius said in one interview. "We do have a vaccine that works," she said. Sebelius said the immune response is working faster than officials anticipated.

Appearing Monday morning on nationally broadcast news shows, she said officials now have a supply of about 16.5 million doses of the vaccine, while conceding that's millions of doses below the amount needed.

Sebelius said she couldn't predict just how widespread the virus will be. Roughly a thousand people have died from it so far in the United States. But she also said officials do not believe there is yet any cause to close down schools and cease other daily activities.

President Barack Obama declared a health emergency over the weekend to give hospitals and health professionals more leeway from federal regulations to respond to the illness. And on Sunday, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said Congress would be happy to provide additional support and money on a bipartisan basis, if the need arises.

Said Sebelius: "If we had found the virus a little earlier we could have started a little earlier."

Asked what advice she would give to people who have waited futilely in line for shots, the secretary replied, "I want them to come back."

"I hope that people aren't discouraged," she said. "I know it's frustrating to wait in line and particularly if you end up with no vaccine. We wish this could have been smoother, that we had a larger supply. We knew it would come in waves."

Sebelius sought to assure people that eventually there will be enough supplies "for everyone."

Dr. Anne Schuchat, who heads the Immunization and Respiratory Diseases Division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said it's hard to predict how long the H1N1 wave will continue, so even getting vaccinated a few months from now — when vaccine supplies are more plentiful — won't be too late.

"It wouldn't be too late," she said. "We don't know how long this increase will go on. ... We might see another wave after the first of the year. I think it's important for people to take steps to protect themselves."

Associated Press

Children and parents wait for their H1N1 vaccines at The Northwest Children's Practice Monday in Chicago.

Preventing preemies: New rules limit induced labor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Labor is becoming less of a late-night surprise, but some hospitals are starting to tighten the rules for elective deliveries — because some babies are being delivered too early.

More hospitals are expected to crack down as regulators begin new quality measurements next spring that aim to reduce too-early elective inductions and first-time cesareans.

Induced labor is on the rise for lots of reasons, some medical and some not. But recent research shows a troubling link between elective inductions and these so-called late preemies. These aren't the dire too-small babies that the word premature conjures, but near-term babies who nonetheless are at higher risk of breathing disorders and other problems than babies who finish their very last weeks in the womb.

"It was an 'aha' moment for me," recalls Dr. Bryan Oshiro of his visit to a Utah intensive care nursery several years ago, where neonatologists pointed to babies there simply because they'd been induced too soon.

National guidelines from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists have long discouraged elective deliveries before the 39th week of pregnancy. But some hospitals that took a close look were surprised. At Utah's Intermountain Healthcare, for example, 28 percent of elective deliveries were breaking ACOG's rule in 2001, Oshiro told a March of Dimes meeting on preventable prematurity this month.

Most were being induced in week 37, such a small difference that local obstetricians argued it wasn't a problem. So Oshiro pulled the medical charts and found those near-term babies had more than double the risk of ending up in neonatal ICU, suffering respiratory distress, even needing a ventilator.

MVH sets weekly schedule

Monongahela Valley Hospital will offer the following programs next week:

■ Nov. 3, 4, 5 — Understanding Your Diabetes Meal Plan, 8:30 a.m., Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township. This program builds on the education received in Managing Your Diabetes. Learn more about food choices, dining out and how your eating habits affect your blood glucose control. Anyone attending this program must have participated in the Managing Your Diabetes education program. Advanced registration is required to attend. Contact the Center for Diabetes at (724) 258-1483 for more information and to register.

■ Nov. 4 — Auxiliary Harvest Luncheon, noon, Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center. The public is invited to this special sit-down luncheon sponsored by the Auxiliary of Mon-Vale Health Resources, Inc. The luncheon will feature entertainment and prizes. Cost of the affair is $20 and tickets will be sold in advance in the Monongahela Valley Hospital gift shop. To purchase a ticket or for more information, contact Dorothy Paterline, Auxiliary ways and means chairperson, at (724) 483-7797 or co-chairperson Lil Nard at (724) 929-6030.

■ Nov. 4 — Breast Cancer Support Group, 6 p.m., education conference center. This support group is free and open to all breast cancer patients and their families. For more information, call (724) 258-1455.

■ Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25 — Childbirth Preparation classes, 7 to 9 p.m., Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township. This four-week series of prenatal education classes is designed to prepare couples for the birthing process. Topics include signs of labor, vaginal and c-section deliveries, role of the labor coach, comfort measures including breathing and relaxation skills and pain medication options. Couples will rehearse what they learn in class to help relieve anxiety surrounding the birthing experience. For more information, call (724) 258-BABY (2229).

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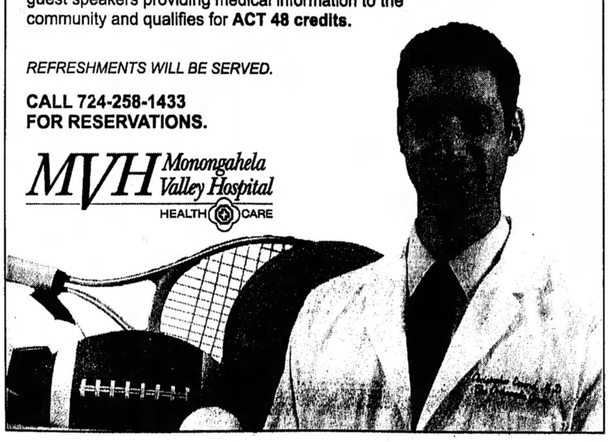
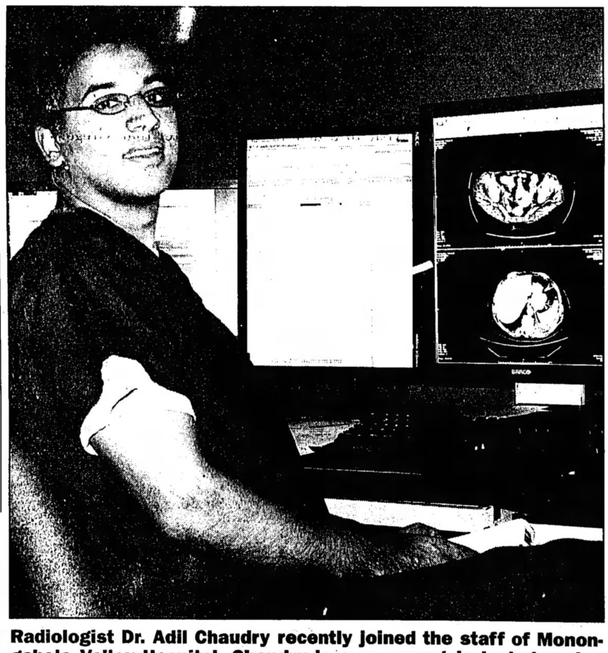




Radiologist Dr. Adil Chaudry recently joined the staff of Monongahela Valley Hospital. Chandry is a an expert in body imaging and specializes in the use of the 64-slice Volume Computed Tomography system.

New physician named to MVH medical staff

Adil Chaudry joins the Department of Medical Imaging.

Dr. Adil Chaudry has been appointed to the medical staff at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

He is board certified in diagnostic radiology and has joined the hospital staff in the Department of Medical Imaging.

Chaudry received his Medical Degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 2003.

He completed residencies in radiology at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y., and St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City. He completed his fellowship in body imaging at the University of Southern California in 2009.

"Dr. Chaudry's expertise in body imaging will maximize the use of our 64-slice Volume Computed Tomography system," said Patrick J. Alberts, senior vice president and chief operating officer at MVH. "The 64-slice CT scanner, which is the most advanced CT available in western Pennsylvania, coupled with the proficiency of Dr. Chaudry's training enhances the level of diagnostic imaging available to our patients."

The 64-slice scanner also enables imaging procedures in cardiology as well as faster imaging of the more traditional CT procedures. The hospital has invested $7 million in upgrading its Medical Imaging Department over the past several years.

MVH uses Picture Archiving Communication System technology in its Medical Imaging Reading Rooms to provide for a filmless Medical Imaging Department. Through the utilization of a PACS, digitized images are available on any computer terminal which has the appropriate software, screen resolution capabilities and security clearances.

Chaudry is affiliated with Imaging Associates of Greater Pittsburgh with an office at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

NEWS

Cosby gets top prize for comedy

Joke's on Philadelphia funnyman as Jerry Seinfeld, Chris Rock pay tribute.

By BRETT ZONGKER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Someone had to hold Bill Cosby back to keep him from crawling over a balcony and joining fellow comedians on stage as the stars lined up to pay tribute to his life's work.

When the lights went out for the start of the 12th annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, Cosby filled the dark silence Monday night.

"Hellooo?" he called out at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. And once again, he had his audience laughing.

Chris Rock and Jerry Seinfeld saluted their fellow funny man with the nation's top comedy prize, along with two co-stars from "The Cosby Show," Phylicia Rashad and Malcolm-Jamal Warner. They hailed Cosby's work breaking down racial barriers and stereotypes and replayed his standup routines.

Cosby quipped that usually when a man sees his life flash before his eyes, it's for a bad reason. "But this is all right," he said.

First lady Michelle Obama and Jill Biden, Vice President Joe Biden's wife, were among those in Washington watching clips from Cosby's long career — from his classic standup routine of Noah's chat with God about building an ark to dealing with the stresses of raising a family as a TV dad.

Seinfeld and Rock shared the stage and said they followed Cosby's comedy albums as children, which inspired their own careers. Then they got lost in banter about how they could never measure up, after seeing Cosby together more recently at New York's Apollo Theater.

"What was he wearing?" Rock said.

"Something ridiculous," Seinfeld quipped. "But he did two hours — all new material."

"I'm not that funny," Rock said.

"I'm definitely not that funny," Seinfeld said.

Instead, Seinfeld and Rock tossed to a clip of Cosby's classic impression of a visit to the dentist.

"The first thing he grabs is an iron hook," Cosby says in the clip. "Then he starts to drill and you see and smell smoke coming out of your mouth!"

As a clip of Cosby's famous impression of a visit to a dentist ended, Cosby turned to his wife, Camille, who smiled and clapped. Cosby later said comedians' wives often want autopsies of their husbands' brains to see what's going on in there.

Comedian Dick Gregory chimed in with jokes about his long friendship with Cosby.

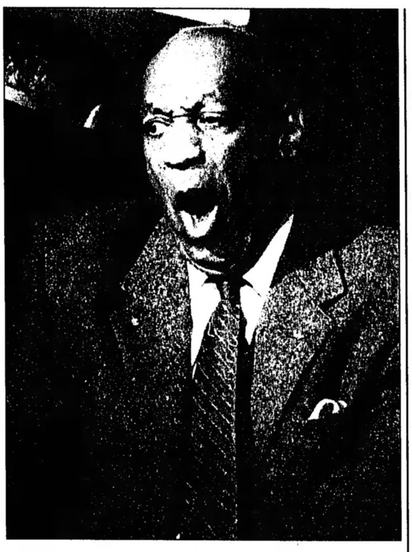
"When the stock market crashed last September, they was going to repossess my Rolls-Royce," Gregory said. "I said, 'Bill, what do I do?'"

Cosby's response, according to Gregory: "Don't park in front of the house!"

Critics often point out that "The Cosby Show," which aired in the 1980s, broke new ground because it was about a successful black family with a father who's a doctor and mother, a lawyer, raising five children.

Gregory said Cosby started breaking barriers even earlier with the "I Spy" TV series, which cast a black man and a white man as co-stars. After that, Gregory said, promoters never again referred to him as a "Negro comic."

"A billion years from now, you will be respected for what you were able to do," he said, looking up at Cosby.



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Comedian and actor Bill Cosby jokes around with the crowd in the Kennedy Center before receiving the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor in Washington on Monday.

Tribune-Review circulation soars

Increase bucks national newspaper trend.

For The Valley Independent

The *Tribune-Review,* a newspaper organization that includes *The Valley Independent,* posted significant circulation gains in its Sunday and daily editions, in striking contrast to the rest of the newspaper industry.

The *Tribune-Review* averaged 178,304 Saturday newspapers sold in the six months ended Sept. 30, a jump of 14.8 percent from the same period a year ago. The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* slid 8 percent to 175,678 during the same period, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations Fas-Fax report released Monday.

Tribune-Review circulation also jumped 14.8 percent for Monday-through-Friday editions, to 168,218 from 146,520 a year ago. The P-G circulation dropped about 12 percent, to 184,233 from 209,477 last year.

Nationally, all but one of the 25 largest newspapers - *The Wall Street Journal* - experienced circulation declines, said the circulation auditing firm.

Sunday circulation also increased at the *Tribune-Review*, by 2.8 percent. Average circulation of 197,245 had grown from 191,838 the year earlier. The P-G's Sunday circulation fell 5.8 percent, to 301,151 from 319,987 a year ago.

The six newspaper editions included in the *Tribune-Review's* totals, in addition to *The Valley Independent*, are the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, the *Tribune-Review* in Greensburg, *The Valley News Dispatch* in Tarentum, the *Leader Times* in Kittanning, the *Daily Courier* in Connellsville and the *Daily News* in McKeesport.

In addition, the *Tribune-Review* logged the greatest percentage increase in online readers in the nation, according to data published by *Editor & Publisher*. The combined audience for the past seven days reading print and the last 30 days reading online jumped 13.6 percent.

185 bank offices changing to PNC

By THOMAS OLSON
For The Valley Independent
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National City Bank, which has operated the most branches in the Pittsburgh area since 1995, will vanish from the region's streets on Nov. 7 and 8, when those offices are converted to the PNC Bank name.

In all, 185 branches and their banking business in 10 southwestern Pennsylvania counties will switch from National City, which PNC acquired in December. The offices will reopen Nov. 9 under the PNC flag.

Most account numbers will change, but PIN (personal identification) numbers for using automated teller machines will remain the same, said Jim Balouris, PNC's Southwestern Pennsylvania regional retail banking market manager.

He said National City customers can use their existing ATM cards until Nov. 9, unless they start using new PNC ATM cards, which activate as early as Nov. 6.

"We're trying to make this as easy as possible," said Balouris on Monday.

National City customers will begin getting their new ATM cards in the mail from PNC this week, when the cash machines convert to PNC, said Balouris.

Most people should have received new checking and savings accounts numbers, he said.

They should continue using National City checks, but should contact PNC about new ones after Nov. 9 when existing supplies run out.

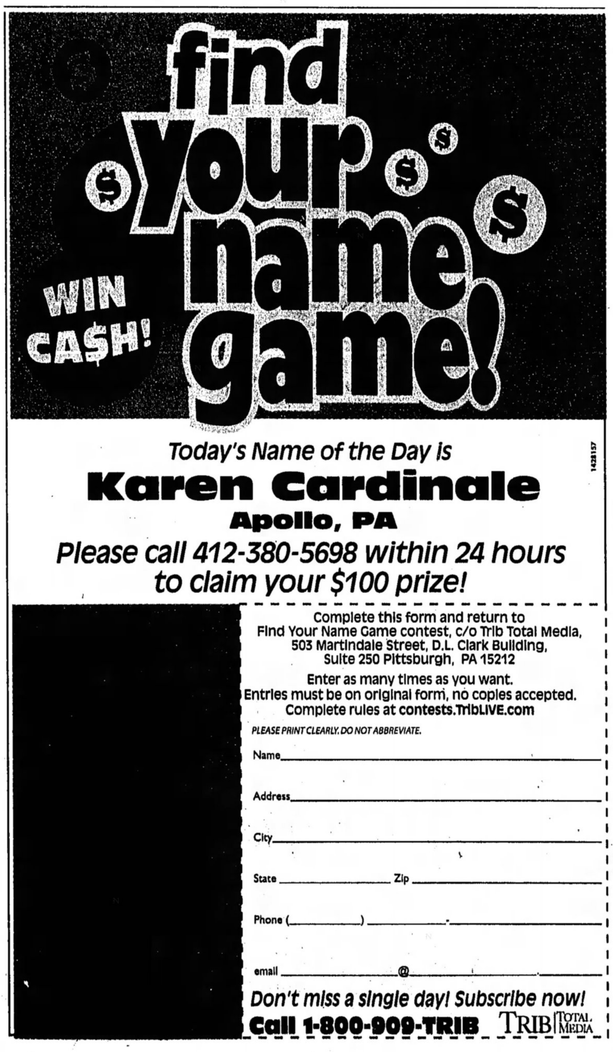
Mortgage loan numbers and the payment address do not change.

Beginning Nov. 7, checks should be made to "PNC Mortgage."

Those using coupon books will get new ones from PNC.

Online banking through National City will be suspended at 3 p.m. Nov. 6, then restart at 8 a.m. Nov. 9. Customers should follow the instructions outlined in account transfer confirmation packets sent by PNC, said the bank.

"There's probably going to be some customer turnover. Some people will switch," said Bert Ely, a veteran banking consultant in Alexandria, Va.



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TV LISTINGS

Man of her dreams needs wake-up call on manners

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to the man of my dreams.

Our wedding is two months away, and I couldn't be more excited about starting my life with "Jeff."

Only one thing bothers me.

When the two of us eat alone together, Jeff throws his manners out the window.

He kind of eats like a pig.

He opens his mouth as wide as it will go and takes as big a bite as he can. Then, as he's chewing (even with his mouth closed) he makes noises. I can't get past the noises!

I know Jeff knows better because he doesn't eat like this when we're out with his parents or having dinner with friends.

The first time he did it I thought he was joking.

The second time, I thought he was just really hungry.

Now I realize this is the way he eats.

We have known each other two years, so we have had plenty of time to get acquainted.

How do I tell him his eating behavior gets under my skin?

I don't want any children we have to learn these habits.

Jeff has a tender heart, and I don't want to hurt his feelings. — **LOOKING ASKANCE IN TEXAS**

DEAR LOOKING: You are about two years late in telling your fiance how his eating habits affect you.

If you can't discuss something as basic as this, how are you going to discuss the challenging problems that will inevitably arise after the two of you are married?

You said yourself that Jeff knows better.

He eats this way in front of you because he thinks you don't mind.

So please level with him now — before the wedding. It won't hurt his feelings; it will set him straight.

DEAR ABBY: I am 13, 5 feet 3, and weigh 90 pounds. I just started high school.

My parents think I'm starving myself.

They call me "disgusting," "horrifying," and my personal favorite — "ugly." My brother calls me "Skinny Bones Jones."

I do not starve myself, nor am I anorexic or bulimic. I just happen to get full from small portions rather quickly — or I may not be hungry at the moment.

At night I do some quick exercises and yoga positions so I won't feel bloated from meals. Some of my friends have said they think I have become anorexic.

Because of all this my self-esteem is at an all-time low.

used to weigh more than 100 pounds, but recently I got the stomach flu, which explains my sudden weight loss and fullness.

Am I wrong in thinking I'm healthy?

Are my family and friends right that I'm anorexic?

Please help. — **90-POUND GIRL IN FULLERTON, CALIF.**

DEAR 90-POUND GIRL: When "everyone" starts telling us something we don't want to hear, it may be time to pay attention.

One sentence in your letter tells me that you may have an eating disorder — it's your comment about needing to exercise after eating because you feel bloated.

You should be evaluated by a nurse at school, if there is one, or by a physician to be sure you're getting enough nutrients to remain healthy, that you're not overdoing the exercise, and if there could be a physical problem causing the feeling you're interpreting as "bloat."

Please share what I have said with your parents because it's important.

Name-calling and ridicule are not the answer to a problem like the one you may have.

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

TUESDAY EVENING

MOVIES | TALK | NEWS | KIDS | SPORTS

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	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30	1 AM	1:30	2 AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (10) Two and a Half Men	NCIS "Deliverance" Gibbs finds a cryptic message waiting for him at a crime scene.		NCIS: Los Angeles "Identity" Agent Callen joins the Los Angeles team on a kidnapping case.		The Good Wife "Stripped" Alicia represents a stripper who says she was raped.		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(35) Late Show With David Letterman Courteney Cox; Florence and the Machine. (N)	(37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Alicia Silverstone; Salman Rushdie. (N)		(2) (37) Extra (7) (37) The Dr. Oz Show (10) (37) Paid Program	(2) (07) Guthy-Renker.com (10) (07) Paid Program	(2) (37) Paid Program (7) (10) (37) Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) Action News at 6 (23) Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment (23) Wheel-Fortune	It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown Linus waits for the Great Pumpkin.		Dancing With the Stars Taylor Swift; double elimination. (Live)		(:01) the forgotten "Canine John" A John Doe is found buried at a popular vacation destination. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Dr. Mehmet Oz; Morningwood. (N)	(4) (:06) Oprah Winfrey (23) (:06) Paid Program	(23) (36) RENO 911! Bounty hunter.	(4) Franklin Mint US Dollar (23) Paid Prog	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) Paid Prog
NBC (8) WJAC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	(8) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (6) (9) News (N) (11) Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(8) Entertainment Tonight (N) (6) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(8) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (6) (11) Wheel of Fortune	The Biggest Loser Derek Jeter talks to the contestants about teamwork. (N)				The Jay Leno Show Ewan McGregor; Tiha Fey; Tim McGraw; Gregg Allman. (N)		(8) WJAC-TV News (6) News (11) Ch. 11 News	(35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Garry Shandling; Paula Deen. (N)	(35) The Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon Artie Lange; Olivia Munn; David Chang. (N)	(37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Artie Lange; Olivia Munn; David Chang. (N)	(36) Last Call With Carson Daly Yvonne Strahovski. (N)	(:05) Poker After Dark Tom Dwan; Kenny Tran; Phil Laak; Antonio Esfandiari; Phil Hellmuth; Bob Safai.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) The Simpsons (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) That '70s Show (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) My Name Is Earl (53) Seinfeld	So You Think You Can Dance The top 20 dancers perform; two dancers are eliminated. (N)				(8) News (53) Channel 11 News	(8) (35) My Name Is Earl "Sweet Johnny"	(8) (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	(8) (35) Seinfeld (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) Star Trek: The Next Generation (53) Frasier	(53) Slim Down Secrets	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (35) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) George Lopez	(8) Paid Prog (53) House of Payne
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ	Nova "Family That Walks on All Fours"		Frontline "Close to Home" (N) (DVS)		Independent Lens "Journals of a Wily School"		Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ	Smart Travels: Europe	Frontline "Close to Home" (DVS)		Nova "Family That Walks on All Fours"	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office	The Office "Fun Run"	90210 "To New Beginnings!"		Melrose Place "Nightingale"		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Cal	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid Program	Paid Program	Roseanne
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	Smarter	Smarter	Deal No	Deal No	Channel 11 News		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Paid Prog	Look Thin	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4 "Answers"		Degree Life	Master	Joel Osteen	Joni, Frnds	Discovery	Quick Study	Newswtch	The Place for Miracles		Master	Focus 4		Gaither Homecoming Hour	
(58) WBGN	Punk'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		Eye Eye	RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!	★★ Sometimes They Come Back (1991, Horror)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Whacked"		Criminal Minds "Legacy"		The First 48		Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	(12:01) The First 48		Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	★★ The Haunted Mansion (2003, Eddie Murphy.				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Greek "The Wish-Pretzel"		Paid Prog	Ab Secrets	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
AMC	★★★ Halloween (1978) Donald Pleasence.				★★ Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers (1988)				★★ Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael Myers				★ Buffy the Vampire Slayer (1992) Kristy Swanson.				★★ The Frighteners	
ANPL	Night	Night "Bats"	Venom 911 Snake bites.		Weird, True	Weird, True	Weird, True	Weird, True	Lost Tapes	Lost Tapes	Weird, True	Weird, True	Lost Tapes	Lost Tapes	Weird, True	Weird, True	Venom 911 Snake bites.	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		Mary, Queen of Shops		Dragon's Den (N)		BBC World News America		Mary, Queen of Shops		Dragon's Den		Mary, Queen of Shops		Dragon's Den	
BET	106 & Park: Hip-Hop Awards 2009 Pre-Show (N)				BET Hip-Hop Awards 2009 (N)				Monica: Still	Monica: Still	The Mo'Nique Show (N)		The Wendy Williams Show		106 & Park: Hip-Hop Awards 2009 Pre-Show			
BRAVO	Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Flipping Out		Flipping Out "Baby Boom"		Flipping Out (N)		Flipping Out		Million Dollar Listing		Flipping Out		★★ A Perfect Murder	
CMTV	Extreme Makeover: Home		Smarter	Smarter	The Singing Bee		★★ Caddyshack (1980, Comedy) Chevy Chase.				CMT Music	Smarter	Smarter	★★ Caddyshack (1980, Comedy) Chevy Chase.				CMT Music
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Biography on CNBC		Executive Vision (N)		Marijuana Inc.		Mad Money		Marijuana Inc.		Executive Vision		Fast Cash	Paid Prog.
CNN	Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	Meatballs II	RENO 911!	Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily Show	Colbert	South Park	South Park	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Chappelle's
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs (N)		Ghost Lab (N)		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Ghost Lab		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	Halloweentown High (2004, Fantasy)			Phineas	Phineas	Montana	Wizards	So Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	K. Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	Hollywood Curses		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Courteney Cox: THS		Take Miami	Take: Miami	Lamas	E! News	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Lamas	Lamas	Sexiest "Young Stars"	Chelsea	
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		E-60 (N)		30 for 30 (N)		World Series		World Series		SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball Tonight (N)		SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	MLB Baseball: 1991 World Series – Braves at Twins				MLB Baseball: 1993 World Series				MLB Baseball: 2000 World Series – Yankees at Mets				American Gladiators		Boxing		Boxing	
ESPN2	Horn	Interruption	Baseball Tonight		College Football East Carolina at Memphis. (Live)						30 for 30 (N)		SportsNation		World Series		World Series	
EWTN	Choices	Theology	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Religious	Holy Rosary	Threshold of Hope		Christ	Priesthood	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Threshold of Hope	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge A pie bake-off.		Cakes	Cakes	The Next Iron Chef		Chopped (N)		Good Eats	Unwrapped	The Next Iron Chef		Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Steelers	Spotlight	Profiles	Jay Glazer	UEFA Champions League Soccer Teams TBA.				Elite XC (N)	Final Score	Profiles	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Final Score	Elite XC	Toughman
FX	(5:30) ★★ Underworld: Evolution (2006, Horror)				★★ Premonition (2007, Suspense) Sandra Bullock.				Sons of Anarchy (N)		Sons of Anarchy		Nip/Tuck "Enigma"		(:01) Sons of Anarchy		Paid Prog	Hair Club
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Golf Videos	Inside PGA	Schwab	Top 10	Top 10 (N)	Top 10	Big Break Disney Golf (N)		Haney	Golf Central	Top 10	Top 10	Big Break Disney Golf		Haney	Inside PGA
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		The Good Witch's Garden (2009) Catherine Bell.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	House	First Place	First Place	House	Bang, Buck	House	House	Property	First Place	House	Bang, Buck	House	House	Property	First Place
HIST	History's Mysteries		Modern Marvels Mummies.		Modern Marvels		The Universe (N)		Cities of the Underworld		Cities of the Underworld		(12:01) Modern Marvels		(:01) The Universe		Cities of the Underworld	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy "Rise Up"		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Sherri	Sherri	Sherri (N)	Sherri	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Medium "Coded"		Medium		Slim Jeans
MSNBC	The Ed Show (N)		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Disaster	Parental	World's Strictest Parents		MTV Cribs	M. Jackson	The City	The Hills	The Hills (N)	The City (N)	The Hills	The City	My Super Psycho Sweet Sixteen (2009) Julianna Guill.				Parental	Parental
NICK	iCarly	The Troop	iCarly	SpongeBob	Malcolm	Malcolm	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	Lopez	Lopez	Roseanne	Roseanne
OXY	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	★★ Two Weeks Notice (2002) Sandra Bullock.				★★ Two Weeks Notice (2002) Sandra Bullock.				The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show		Living Single	Living Single
PCN	PCN Tours	PCN Tours	PCN Call-In (Live)		Elec 2009	Elec 2009	Elec 2009	Elec 2009	PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Late Night - pcntv.com				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Healthcare	NightTalk		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedka Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog.	NightTalk	
SPIKE	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Scream 2009 (N)				Scream 2009				Ways to Die	Ways to Die
SYFY	(5:00) House of the Dead 2		Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	ECW (Live)		★ Joy Ride 2: Dead Ahead (2008) Nicki Aycox.				The Deaths of Ian Stone (2007) Mike Vogel.			
TBS	Seinfeld	The Office	Name Earl	Name Earl	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex and-City	★★ John Q (2002, Drama) Denzel Washington, Robert Duvall.				
TCM	Man of West	★★★★ High Noon (1952) Gary Cooper.			★★★ Poltergeist (1982) Craig T. Nelson.				★★ The Power (1968) George Hamilton.				★★★ The Haunting (1963, Horror) Julie Harris.				Village of the Damned	
TLC	Little Couple	Little Couple	Little Couple	Little Couple	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	18 Kids	18 Kids	Little Couple	Little Couple	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	18 Kids	18 Kids	Little Couple	Little Couple	Little Couple	Little Couple
TNT	Law & Order "C.O.D."		Pregame		NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers. (Live)				NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Los Angeles Lakers. (Live)						Inside the NBA		Cold Case	
TOON	Underfist	Bugs Bunny	Goosebumps		Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN	Goosebump	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	Stroker	Awesome	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Bizarre World "Florida"		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		America Haunts 2 (N)		Halloween's Most Extreme		Bizarre World "Wisconsin"		Bizarre World "Wisconsin"		America Haunts 2		Halloween's Most Extreme		Bizarre World "Wisconsin"	
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Rehab: Party at Hard Rock		Rehab: Party at Hard Rock		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	The Investigators		Rehab: Party at Hard Rock	
TVLAND	Bonanza		Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith		Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock From the Sun		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order		Law & Order		The Marksman (2005)	
VH1	TO Show	Real Chance of Love			Master P	M. Jackson	My Antonio		Tool Academy		(:05) Behind the Music		Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love			Master P
VS.	Sports Soup	Sports Take	NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Washington Capitals. (Live)					Hockey	Sports Soup	Sports	Quest	Sports	WEC WrekCage		Sports Soup	Sports	WEC WrekCage	
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Ghost Whisperer		Secret Lives of Women	
WGN-A	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		★ The Rage: Carrie 2 (1999) Emily Bergl.				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	(:10) ★★★ Enchanted (2007) Amy Adams. 'PG'				★★ The Princess Diaries (2001) Julie Andrews. 'G'				Soldier (1998) Bobby Deol. 'NR'				(:45) ★★ Metro (1997, Action) Eddie Murphy. 'R'			(:45) An American Werewolf in Paris 'R'		
HBO	Something	★★ The Women (2008) Meg Ryan. 'PG-13'				Bored	Bored	Bored	REAL Sports		Curb	24/7	(12:05) ★★★ I Am Legend (2007) Will Smith. 'PG-13'			Bored	REAL Sports	
MAX	★★★ Speed (1994, Action) Keanu Reeves. 'R'				★★ Eagle Eye (2008) Shia LaBeouf. 'PG-13'				★★ Black Knight (2001) 'PG-13'			Life on Top	(12:10) Sin City Diaries: Neon Nights			(:45) ★★ Choke (2008) Sam Rockwell.		
SHOW	Lion/Lam	★★ Meet the Browns (2008) Tyler Perry. ITV. 'PG-13'				Bon Jovi: When We Were Beautiful (ITV)			Dexter "Dirty Harry" (ITV)		Californ	Californ	AVN Adult Movie Awards (ITV)			(:45) ★★ Zerophilia (2005) ITV. 'NR'		
STARZ	(5:40) ★★ This Christmas (2007)		(:45) ★★ Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) Kevin James.					(:20) ★★ Step Up 2 the Streets (2008)	Crash				★ 88 Minutes (2007, Suspense) Al Pacino. 'R'				(1:50) ★★ Swing Vote	
TMC	(:05) ★★ Scenes of a Sexual Nature (2006) Holly Aird.				★★ Love & Sex (2000) Femke Janssen.				★★★ Death at a Funeral (2007) 'R'		Naked Fear (2007, Suspense) Danielle De Luca. 'R'				★★★ Stuck (2007) Mena Suvari. 'R'		(:40) Gacy	

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Eagles win in D.C.

DeSean Jackson scored two long touchdowns Monday as the Eagles topped the Redskins. **3B**

Valley SPORTS

Champs are underdogs

Jimmy Rollins and the Phillies may be the defending champions, but experts are expecting the Yankees to win the World Series. **2B**

McGwire to coach

Mark McGwire, hounded for years by steroid accusations, will be back in baseball next season as the Cardinals' new hitting coach. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Who is the only area player to lead the NFL in scoring two seasons? **2B**

Last night's games

N.Y. Rangers 5, Phoenix 2
Montreal 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
Chicago 3, Minnesota 1
Toronto 6, Anaheim 3

Brian **HERMAN**

Mollis to miss season finale with Vikings

Mollis

Cleaning out the notebook:

■ Charleroi football coach Luke Mollis had every right to be upset Friday night when a couple of questionable calls in the final minute turned an apparent 18-12 Cougar victory into a 20-18 defeat.

One came on a controversial fumble after Cougars' Quentin Briggs had made a first down, with the Prexies' Marquis Brown bringing it back 66 yards for a game-tying touchdown.

If that weren't bad enough, the Cougars thought they had Brown stopped short of the goal line on the try for the eventual winning two-pointer.

Mollis ended up getting ejected as did volunteer Joe LaCarte, which means neither can be on the sidelines for Friday's Interstate Conference finale at Charleroi Stadium with unbeaten Mt. Pleasant.

The Cougars' chances of making the playoffs disappeared with the heartbreaking loss to the Prexies since they wouldn't have enough Gardner Points even by upsetting the Vikings.

■ For almost two decades, Belle Vernon Area fielded two middle school football teams.

That won't be the case next year.

Due to a drop in numbers, BVA's white and gold will merge into one middle school team with the ninth graders moving up to the varsity.

Both middle schools started the season with rosters in the low 20s.

The white team was down to 11 healthy players for one of its games this season.

BVA athletic director Jesse Cramer had to make a decision on the middle school program before December for WPIAL scheduling purposes.

■ Chuck Stacey, a former Ringgold superintendent, will serve as toastmaster for the second Ringgold Hall of Fame Banquet, which is scheduled Saturday at the Willow Room at the Willow Point Plaza in Rostraver Township.

This year's inductees include Lou "Bimbo" Cecconi, Rudy Andabaker. Aldo Bartolotta, Dr. Marie L. Brown-Wagner, Judge Paul Simmons, Dr. David Epperson, Dan Towler and Arnold Galiffa. Towler and Galiffa are deceased.

Tickets, which cost $40, are still available at DeVore's Hardware in Monongahela, the Ringgold High athletic office, Union Pharmacy and Duke's Pharmacy in Donora, the Mon Valley YMCA and each Ringgold School District building (GED, MEC, DEC and FMS).

■ And thanks to Paul Petro, of Donora, who says the best way to forget your own problems is to help someone else solve his!

Safety first for Clark

Steeler may be held out of Denver game following near-fatal experience in 2007.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers safety Ryan Clark isn't injured, yet he isn't sure if he can play in the team's next game Nov. 9 at Denver.

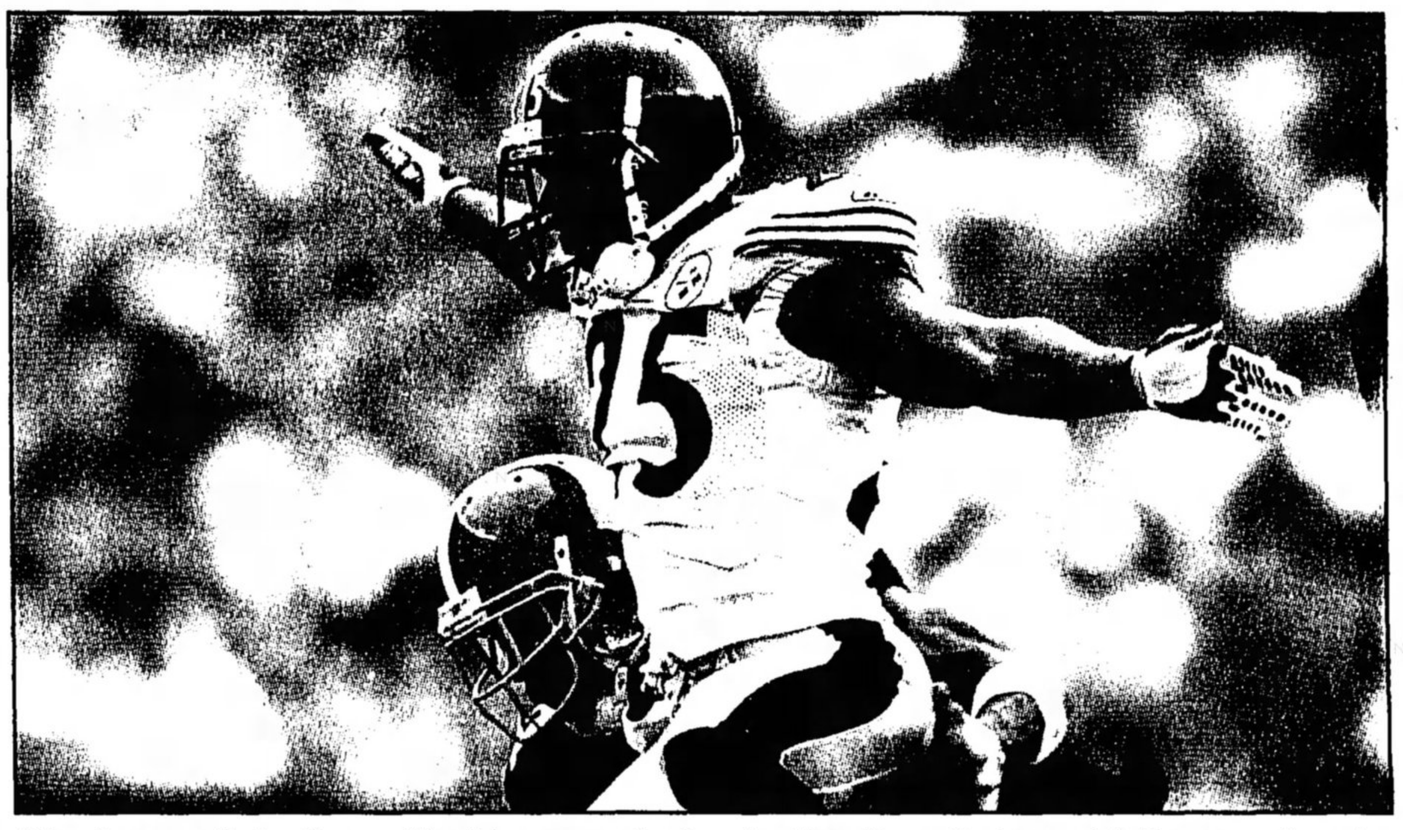
Clark didn't play the rest of the 2007 season after becoming ill following an Oct. 21 game in Denver. He was hospitalized overnight in Denver, and his condition worsened after he returned to Pittsburgh.

Clark's spleen and gall bladder eventually were removed, and he lost more than 30 pounds before finally regaining his strength about three months later. Doctors told him his sickle-cell trait was aggravated by the high altitude in Denver and caused a serious blood disorder.

Clark plans to accompany the Steelers to Denver for the Monday night game, but isn't certain if he will be in uniform. He plans to talk to doctors during the Steelers' bye week and again next week, if necessary.

"We'll figure it out. We haven't figured it out yet," Clark said. "We don't know yet."

Clark also had problems playing in Denver while he was with the Redskins in 2005. He was diagnosed then with a bruised spleen, but the severity of his condition wasn't known until he played again in Denver.



Steelers safety Ryan Clark may not play in the Nov. 9 game at Denver due to health concerns.

Since returning last season, Clark has missed only two games and has not experienced a relapse of his problem, which caused blood vessels to burst and his spleen to become infected before it was removed in mid-November 2007. His gall bladder was taken out a few weeks after that, and his weight dropped from 205 pounds to about 175.

Clark couldn't resume working out and trying to get back into playing condition until January 2008 after the season ended.

Clark said previously he wouldn't play in Denver again unless he was certain there would be no medical problems if he did. He has undergone extensive testing during the last two years, receives six injections a year and treats any infection carefully.

During training camp this summer, Clark joked he might play suit up "there's nothing left they can take out of me" if he goes ahead and plays.

After Clark came back last season, Steelers safety Troy Polamalu said, "It's pretty much a miracle he's out there."

Last year, Clark said the Steelers' medical staff initially questioned not long after that game in Denver why he wasn't playing. It wasn't until he received a second opinion from a different physician that his condition was properly diagnosed and treated.

Because the Steelers' bye week is coming near the midpoint of their season, coach Mike Tomlin may cut back on the team's practices this week. They are scheduled to practice Wednesday and Thursday before getting the weekend off, but it isn't certain if they will take the field either day.

Meanwhile, linebacker Lawrence Timmons (sprained ankle) and defensive end Travis Kirschke (calf) left Sunday's win over Minnesota in the fourth quarter with injuries.

Ringgold's Patch Player of the Week

Rams' star ran for three TDs and threw for another in 29-21 win.

By JEFF OLIVER
Staff Writer
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Dylan Patch

The Ringgold Rams may not be going to the WPIAL football playoffs this season, but they were certainly a voice that was heard Friday night.

That's because the Rams stunned West Mifflin, 29-21, to deal a serious blow to the Titans' playoff hopes.

In the win, Ringgold quarterback Dylan Patch was almost unstoppable as he ran for three touchdowns and threw for a fourth in the win.

For his efforts, Patch is this week's *Valley Independent* Player of the Week.

A junior, Patch rushed for 129 yards and his three TD scampers came on long runs of 44, 45 and 30 yards.

He hit on an incredible 16 of 18 passes for 151 yards. His TD pass was a 36-yard strike to Derek Fiore.

All four of his touchdowns came after a first quarter that ended with Ringgold trailing, 7-0.

"He can do so many things well," Ringgold coach Lloyd Price said of Patch. "He keeps plays alive with his feet and he can run.

"He did some really impressive things (against West Mifflin). He is coming into his own."

Players garnering honorable mention were:

■ Charleroi's Quentin Briggs, who carried the ball 40 times for 180 yards and a touchdown in a 20-18 loss to Washington.

■ Monessen's Trae Cook, who rushed for 59 yards on 8 carries and two TDs and also scored on a blocked punt in a 41-7 rout of Carmichaels.

■ Monessen's Brett Crenshaw, who rushed for 61 yards on 12 carries and scored twice.

■ Belle Vernon Area's Matt Green, who had 101 yards on 25 carries in a 26-20 loss to Thomas Jefferson.

■ BVA's Jake Burrit, who caught 3 passes for 105 yards and 2 TDs.

■ BVA quarterback Brandon Dilmore, who completed 7 of 18 passes for 141 yards and 3 TDs against TJ.

■ California quarterback D.J. Martinak, who hit on 8 of 18 passes for 114 yards and a TD and also rushed for a score in a 21-20 loss to Jefferson-Morgan.

■ Elizabeth Forward running back Gerald Johnson, who had 94 yards on 8 carries, including a touchdown in a 31-17 loss to Chartiers Valley.

Second-half collapse knocks BVA boys out of playoffs

1-0 lead slips away in Monday's 4-1 loss at West Allegheny.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

It appeared that deja vu may have been in the air Monday night for the Belle Vernon Area Leopards for a second straight season.

Much like last year when it pulled off a victory at highly touted Indiana, BVA played West Allegheny even and the Leps were leading 1-0 at halftime.

But in the second half, the hosts scored four times to advance in the playoffs for a 4-1 victory that ended the Leopards' season.

"It was a tale of two halves," said BVA coach Chris Stasicha. "We played them even in the first half and both teams had three shots."

Joe Cervone gave BVA (11-6-2) the lead 30 minutes into the contest and the Leps took the lead, and a growing confidence, into halftime.

"At halftime we told them about weathering the storm and being up to the challenge," Stasicha said. But they scored three goals within five minutes and there was nothing we could do. They took it to us."

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> BVA coach Chris Stasicha

While disappointed, Stasicha would not let the season-ending loss dampen what the team did.

After all, making the playoffs in possibly the WPIAL's toughest Class AA sections is a chore by itself.

"It is unfortunate that it had to end this way," he said. "But I am proud of our boys."

Stasicha will let this season soak in, but he will have something to look forward to as his team will return eight players next year.

"We only started three, sometimes four, seniors so a lot of underclassmen saw playing time," he said.

"Hopefully that will help us in the future."

West Allegheny (17-1-1) advances to the quarterfinals where the Indians will face Center Thursday at Chartiers Valley.

SPORTS

Star power in Series

Phillies, Yankees loaded with elite players.

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — All-Stars at most spots, mixed in with MVPs and Cy Young winners. A rich roster, full of World Series success.

So how come the defending champion Philadelphia Phillies are such underdogs?

Probably because they're facing the team that has defined championship baseball for so long.

Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, Andy Pettitte and the New York Yankees, hoping to include Alex Rodriguez in a full-throttle celebration this October.

A pair of franchises separated by a 90-minute ride on the New Jersey Turnpike, with no real rivalry to speak of despite their century-long histories.

That could all change starting Wednesday night. Ryan Howard, Jimmy Rollins and the Phils are set to dig in against CC Sabathia in Game 1 at Yankee Stadium.

"I think the fact that we're playing the Yankees and it's close to Philadelphia and how the fans and the media react to it and how both cities look forward to it, that puts more icing on the cake," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said Monday. "It does something for the game."

The Phillies worked out at Citizens Bank Park before hopping an Amtrak train for the hour-plus trip to Penn Station in midtown Manhattan. Whether they ride back up next week will be decided later — none of the last five World Series has lasted more than five games.

In the meantime, all aboard!

How much of the country will tune in to the all-Northeast matchup remains to be seen. The folks in Las Vegas already have taken a look — in spite of the Phillies' credentials, the Yankees are heavy 2-to-1 favorites.

Philadelphia is trying to become the NL's first repeat champion since the 1975-76 Big Red Machine in Cincinnati. The Yankees return to the Series for the first time since 2003, having last won in 2000.

Cliff Lee opens for the Phillies, hoping to continue their run that includes a five-game romp over Tampa Bay in last year's World Series. At 16-4, Philadelphia has assembled the best record over a 20-game span by an NL team in postseason history.

Manuel hasn't shown any tendency to pitch around opposing sluggers, so Lee, Cole Hamels and Pedro Martinez figure to challenge Rodriguez from the get-go. A-Rod hit .438 with five home runs and 12 RBIs through the playoffs. This is his first foray into baseball's big event.

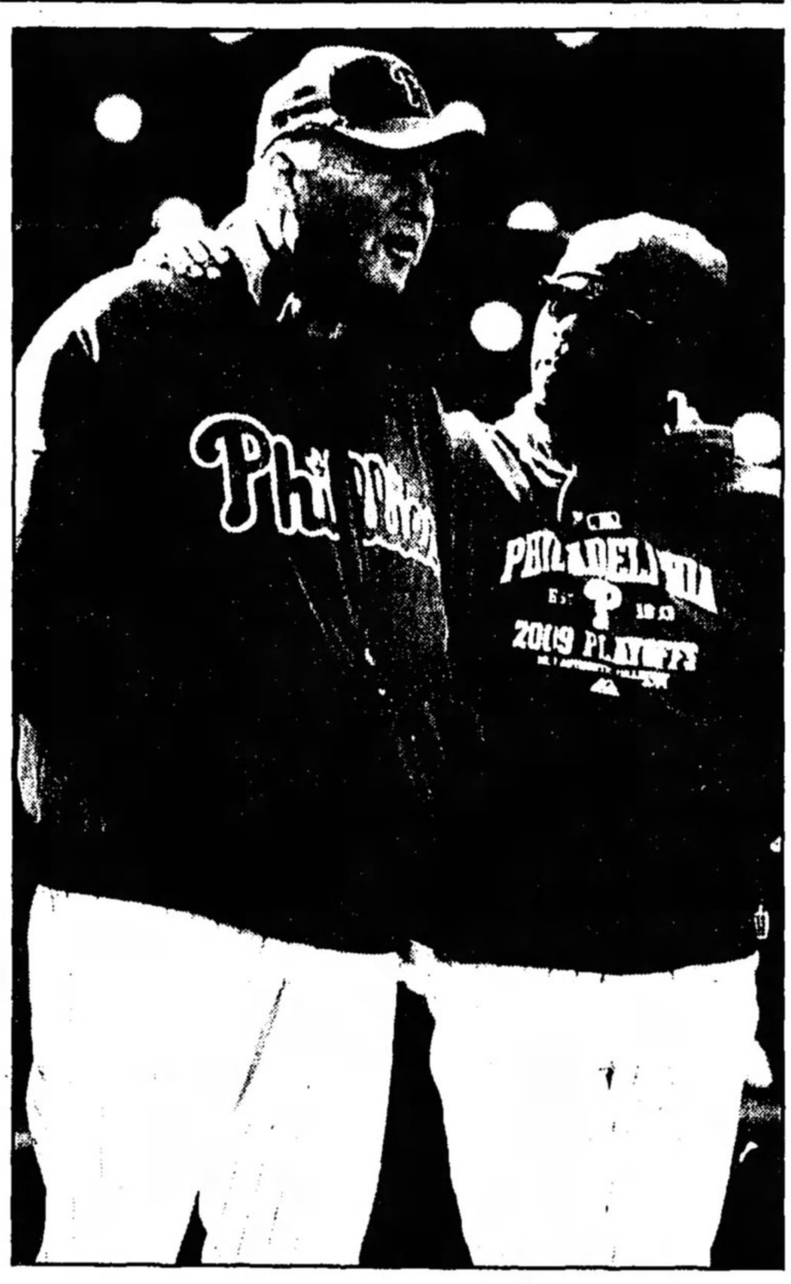
"A lot of great players have never had the opportunity to play in the World Series," Rodriguez said Sunday night after the Yankees' clinching win over the Angels in Game 6 of the AL championship series.

"It's been a dream of mine since I was a 5-year-old boy to play in the World Series. In order to win the World Series, you have to get there and we've done that now," he said.

It's a power-packed matchup, marking the first time since 1926 the World Series pits the teams that finished 1-2 in the majors in home runs, according to STATS LLC. Back then, Babe Ruth and the Yankees led with 121, followed by St. Louis with 90.

This year, Mark Teixeira and the Yankees hit 244 and the Phillies tied with Texas at 224.

Add in two homer-friendly parks, along with the teams that led their leagues in runs, and runs could flow.



Associated Press

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel, left, and Jimmy Rollins talk during a recent practice.

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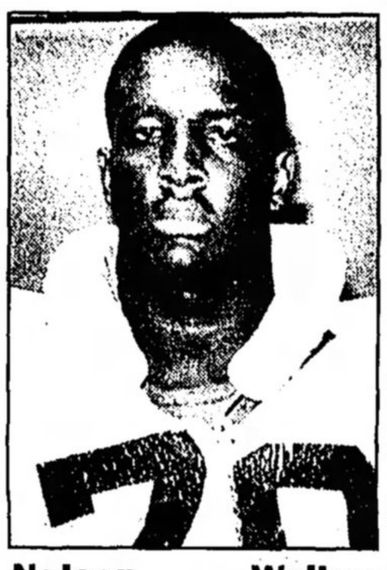

Nelson Walker starred at Ringgold in 1986.

Cardinals tab McGwire as hitting coach

By R.B. FALLSTROM
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS — Mark McGwire is back in baseball, reunited with Tony La Russa as the St. Louis Cardinals' hitting coach.

La Russa agreed to return for a 15th year as manager Monday with a one-year contract, the first time he hasn't had a multiyear deal with the team. All of his coaches will return except for Hal McRae, who will be replaced by the former star.

"Mark is passionate about the game, passionate about the Cardinals," chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. said. "Tony thinks he'll be a great coach, and I think he's got a lot to offer."

McGwire was not at the news conference at Busch Stadium, but La Russa and general manager John Mozeliak said there will be no effort to shield McGwire from questions about steroids. The team anticipated a telephone news conference with McGwire.

"By no means is he trying to hide, and by no means are we trying to hide him," Mozeliak said.

McGwire hit a then-record 70 home runs in 1998 and retired with 583 homers and a .263 career average in 2001. He famously refused to answer questions about steroids use during a March 2005 congressional hearing, saying he wasn't there to talk about the past.

Former congressman Tom Davis, who led the committe that held the hearings, told the Daily News of New York that he welcomed the news.

"I think he's entitled to another chance," Davis told the newspaper.

McGwire has received just under 25 percent support from voters in his three appearances on the Hall of Fame ballot, well under the 75 percent needed. La Russa hopes the 46-year-old can use this position to repair a tarnished image.

"I'm a big fan of his," the manager said. "He's back in uniform and, hopefully, people will see his greatness. But the No. 1 reason he's here is to coach our hitters."

La Russa said he first contacted McGwire about the coaching job a week earlier, when he was still supposedly mulling his future. He said McGwire showed immediate interest, but the manager said the steroids topic was not broached.

"It's up to Mark how he wants to handle it," La Russa said. "What we want him to do is coach our hitters, and if he does that well, we're going to be happy."

La Russa had been attempting to persuade McGwire to return to the team as a spring training instructor for several seasons. La Russa managed McGwire for all but one of his 16 seasons, both in Oakland and St. Louis.

McGwire has worked with Cardinals hitters and other major leaguers in recent offseasons at his California home.

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Denver at Baltimore	Oakland at San Diego
Cleveland at Chicago	Jacksonville at Tennessee
Seattle at Dallas	Carolina at Arizona
St. Louis at Detroit	NY Giants at Philadelphia
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12. Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

Section champions

The Charleroi Middle School basketball team won the section title with an 11-1 record and finished 16-1 overall. Team members include front row, from left, Jennifer Tilghman, Makayla Indorante, Ashley Watkins, Anjie Tilghman, Natalie Bastin and Amanda Boyd, and back row, from left, Emily Merlo, Jordan Swarmer, Mia Woytovich, Brenlynn Smith, Lynsey Wright, Carina Gottheld and Cassie Federee. Missing from the picture are coach Joe Grodz and assistant coach Bernie Medved.

SPORTS DIGEST

Lustig ninth in PIAA golf finals

Belle Vernon Area High junior Bo Lustig is tied for ninth going into today's second round of the PIAA golf championship at the Heritage Hills Golf Club in York.

Lustig shot a two-over par 73, four strokes behind first round co- leaders Garrett Browning of West Allegheny and Mike Englert of Palmerton.

Lustig had a three-under 32 on the back nine after a five-over 41 on the front nine which included five three putts and a ball in the water for a five.

California loses to Seton Hill

California University's soccer team fell to 11-6 with a 3-1 home loss to Seton Hill Monday. Nick Helbig scored for the Vulcans on a penalty kick.

Cal closes its home season Wednesday against West Virginia Wesleyan.

Trivia answer

Monongahela's Fred Cox with the Minnesota Vikings in 1969 and 1970.

Elizabeth Forward to face Yough at Hempfield

Elizabeth Forward faces Yough today at 6 p.m. at Hempfield in the preliminary round of the WPIAL Class AAA volleyball playoffs.

Yates leaves Bucs for free agency

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Right-handed reliever Tyler Yates has chosen to become a free agent after the Pittsburgh Pirates requested outright waivers on him.

Yates had Tommy John surgery in July to replace a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow for the second time in his career.

He is not expected to pitch again until the middle of next season. Yates also had the ligament repaired in 2002 and needed major shoulder surgery in 2005.

The Pirates apparently planned to offer Yates a minor league contract, but he preferred to seek work in another organization. Yates made $1.3 million this season.

SPORTS

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	.714	198	98
N.Y. Jets	4	3	0	.571	152	104
Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	113	138
Miami	2	4	0	.333	146	152

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	0	0	1.000	179	77
Houston	4	3	0	.571	167	158
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	120	147
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	84	198

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714	163	128
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	.714	167	129
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	6	0	.143	72	179

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	133	66
San Diego	3	3	0	.500	161	143
Oakland	2	5	0	.286	62	177
Kansas City	1	6	0	.143	105	181

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	195	143
Philadelphia	4	2	0	.667	163	116
Dallas	4	2	0	.667	159	119
Washington	2	5	0	.286	96	123

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	6	0	0	1.000	238	127
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	144	114
Carolina	2	4	0	.333	94	145
Tampa Bay	0	7	0	.000	96	203

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	1	0	.857	206	148
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	161	96
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	129	144
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	103	188

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	4	2	0	.667	136	109
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	133	122
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	7	0	.000	60	211

Monday's Game

Philadelphia 27, Washington 17

Sunday, Nov. 1

St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Denver at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Houston at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Carolina at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Open: New England, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Washington, Tampa Bay

Monday, Nov. 2

Atlanta at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

Soccer playoffs

Boys
First Round
Class AAA
Monday

Fox Chapel 4, C-McMillan 1

Today

6 p.m. - Central Catholic (13-2-2) vs Shaler (8-5-3) at Pine- Richland
7:45 p.m. - Gateway (12-6) at Pine-Richland (10-4-2); Penn-Trafford (12-5-1) at Peters Township (13-2-1)

Class AA
Monday

West Allegheny 4, BV Area 1
Chartiers Valley 2, Burrell 1
Mars 4, Indiana 0
Beaver 4, Montour 3

Today

6 p.m. - Southmoreland (13-3-1) vs Keystone Oaks (13-3-2) at Mt. Lebanon.
7:45 p.m - Ambridge (11-7) vs South Park (16-2) at Baldiwin.

Class A
Monday

Grb. Central 6, St. Joseph 0
Freedom 2, Serra 0
Sewickley Academy 2, Beaver Co. Christian 0
Trinity Christian 2, Carlynton 1

Today

6 p.m. - Bentworth (9-7-2) vs Canevin (12-6) at Bethel Park.
7:45 p.m. - Charleroi (11-6) at Springdale (12-1-3).

Girls
Class AAA
First Round
Monday

Southmoreland 2, Fox Chapel 1
Penn-Trafford 2, Gateway 0

Today

6 p.m. - Mars (15-3-1) at Peters Township (15-1-2).
7 p.m. - Thomas Jefferson (12-5-2) at Seneca Valley (17-0-1)
7:45 p.m. - Franklin Regional (14-5) at Moon (16-0-1); North Allegheny (14-5) at Mt. Lebanon (13-3-1) Canon-McMillan (14-5) at Bethel Park (16-1-1).

Class AA
First Round
Monday

Quaker Valley 1, Seton-LaSalle 0
Beaver 6, South Fayette 1
Mt. Pleasant 2, Canevin 0

Today

6 p.m. - Deer Lakes (10-6-2) vs South Park (15-1-1) at Baldwin; Neshannock (13-3-2) vs Sewickley Academy (14-3-1) at Moon; Quigley (10-8-1) at Springdale (14-1-2)

MLS playoffs

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Semifinals
Columbus vs. Real Salt Lake

Saturday, Oct. 31: Columbus at Real Salt Lake, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 5: Real Salt Lake at Columbus, 8 p.m.

Chicago vs. New England

Saturday, Oct. 31: Chicago at New England, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 7: New England at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Championship

Thursday, Nov. 12: TBD
Saturday, Nov. 14: TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Semifinals
Los Angeles vs. Chivas USA

Sunday, Nov. 1: Los Angeles at Chivas USA, 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 8: Chivas USA at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

Houston vs. Seattle

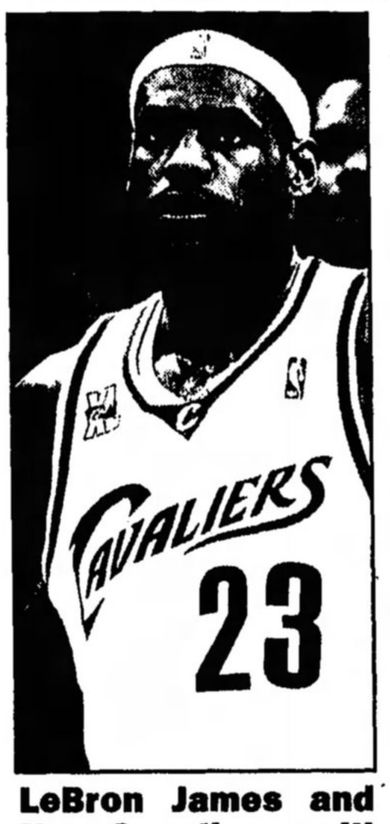
Thursday, Oct. 29: Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 8: Seattle at Houston, 3 p.m.

Championship

Thursday, Nov. 12: TBD
Saturday, Nov. 14: TBD

MLS Cup

Sunday, Nov. 22: at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.



LeBron James and the Cavaliers will host the Celtics at 7:30 p.m. on TNT.

Sports dial

Today
Television

7 p.m.- Versus - Philadelphia at Washington, hockey.
7:30 p.m. - TNT - Boston at Cleveland, pro basketball.
8 p.m. - ESPN2 - East Carolina at Memphis, college football.
10:30 p.m. - TNT - Los Angeles Clippers at Los Angeles Lakers, pro basketball.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Memphis is 3-9-1 vs. the spread the last 13 games as an underdog of 3 1/2 to 10 points. The Tigers are only 4-9-3 vs. the spread their last 16 October games and 1-4 vs. the spread the last 5 home games in this series. East Carolina is 10-1 vs. the spread the last 11 games in this series and 8-3 vs. the spread its last 11 October games. Take East Carolina -4 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Nov 1		
Week Eight		
BALTIMORE	3 1/2 (40)	Denver
CHICAGO	13 (40)	Cleveland
Houston	3 (41)	BUFFALO
GREEN BAY	3 (48)	Minnesota
INDIANA.	11 (45)	San Fran
NY JETS	3 1/2 (40)	Miami
DETROIT	3 1/2 (42)	St. Louis
DALLAS	9 1/2 (45)	Seattle
SAN DIEGO	16 1/2 (43)	Oakland
TENNESSEE	3 (43)	J'ville
ARIZONA	7 1/2 (44)	Carolina
PHILA	2 (44)	NY Giants
Monday, Nov 2		
N, ORLEANS	9 (53)	Atlanta

Bye Week: Cincinnati, Kansas City, New England, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay, and Washington.

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
E. Carolina	4	MEMPHIS
Thursday, Oct 29		
VA TECH	16 1/2	N. Carolina
Friday, Oct 30		
W. Virginia	3 1/2	S. FLORIDA
Saturday, Oct 31		
CONN.	8	Rutgers
Cincinnati	15	SYRACUSE
BOS. COLL.	4 1/2	C. Michigan
Ohio	7 1/2	BALL ST
VIRGINIA	7	Duke
IOWA	17 1/2	Indiana
WISCONSIN	7	Purdue
Miami-Florida	7	WAKE FOREST
FLORIDA ST	7 1/2	NC State
N. ILLINOIS	10	Akron
OHIO ST	40	New Mexico St
Ga Tech	13 1/2	VANDERBILT
TEXAS A&M	6 1/2	Iowa St
Mississippi	4	AUBURN
ARKANSAS	36 1/2	E. Michigan
W. Michigan	1	KENT ST
Nebraska	12	BAYLOR
TULSA	17	Smu
TEX.EL PASO	6 1/2	Ala-Birm.
BOISE ST	33 1/2	San Jose St
a-FLORIDA	16	Georgia
Toledo	6	MIAMI-OHIO
OREGON ST	9	Ucla
NAVY	7	Temple
California	6 1/2	ARIZONA ST
Michigan	9	ILLINOIS
Missouri	3 1/2	COLORADO
OKLAHOMA	25	Kansas St
Texas	9	OKLAHOMA ST
NEVADA	24 1/2	Hawaii
TCU	33	Univ
Air Force	3	COLORADO ST
Penn St	13 1/2	N'WESTERN
IDAHO	3	Louisiana Tech
FRESNO ST	16	Utah St
KENTUCKY	3 1/2	Mississippi St
TEXAS TECH	7 1/2	Kansas
S. DIEGO ST	17	New Mexico
b-N. Dame	30	Washington St
TENNESSEE	5 1/2	S. Carolina
Southern Cal	3	OREGON
HOUSTON	7 1/2	Southern Miss
UTAH	16	Wyoming
LSU	34	Tulane
Michigan St	6	MINNESOTA
LOUISVILLE	4	Arkansas St
FLA INTER.	4	UL-Lafayette
N. TEXAS	9 1/2	W. Kentucky
FLORIDA ATL	2	Middle Tenn St
TROY	17	UL-Monroe
Sunday, Nov 1		
C. FLORIDA	3	Marshall

a-at Jacksonville, FL.
b-at San Antonio, TX.

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Wednesday, Oct 28		
World Series		
Game One		
NY YANKEES	7-8	Philadelphia

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Tuesday, Oct 27		
CLEVELAND	5	Boston
DALLAS	8	Washington
PORTLAND	9 1/2	Houston
LA LAKERS	10	LA Clippers

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
WASH.	Even-1/2	Phila.
EDMONTON	Even-1/2	Colorado
Detroit	Even-1/2	VAN.

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
T. Jefferson	5	0	8	0
Chartiers Valley	5	1	7	1
West Mifflin	2	3	5	3
BV Area	2	3	4	4
Trinity	2	3	3	5
Elizabeth Forward	1	4	4	4
Ringgold	1	4	3	5

Friday

Elizabeth Forward at BV Area
Ringgold at Trinity
T. Jefferson at West Mifflin
A. Gallatin at Char Valley

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Greensburg Salem	5	0	7	1
Uniontown	4	1	5	3
Laurel Highlands	3	2	3	5
Derry	3	2	3	5
Albert Gallatin	2	4	3	5
Yough	1	4	1	7
S'moreland	0	5	0	8

Friday

Southmoreland at Yough
L. Highland at Uniontown
Derry at Greensburg Salem
A. Gallatin at Char Valley

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Mt. Pleasant	8	0	8	0
McGuffey	6	2	6	2
Washington	6	2	6	2
Greensburg Central	6	2	6	2
Charleroi	5	3	5	3
Jeannette	5	3	5	3
Waynesburg	2	6	2	6
Brownsville	1	7	1	7
South Allegheny	0	8	0	8
East Allegheny	1	7	1	7

Friday

Mt. Pleasant at Charleroi
Brownsville at Waynesburg
Washington at McGuffey
E. Allegheny at S. Allegheny
Greensburg C.C. at Jeannette

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	6	0	6	2
Beth-Center	5	1	6	2
Jefferson-Morgan	4	2	6	2
California	3	3	4	4
Carmichaels	3	3	3	5
Geibel	2	4	3	5
Mapletown	1	5	1	7
West Greene	0	6	0	8

Friday

California at Monessen
Carmichaels at West Greene
Mapletown at Jeff-Morgan

Saturday

Beth-Center at Geibel, noon

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Clairton	5	0	6	1
Serra	4	1	6	1
Fort Cherry	3	2	5	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	3	4	3
Burgettstown	2	3	3	4
Frazier	2	3	3	4
Bentworth	1	4	2	5
Avella	1	4	2	5

Friday

Bentworth at Frazier
Serra at Clairton
Avella at Burgettstown
Fort Cherry at Char-Houston

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
California	6	0	7	2
Edinboro	5	1	7	2
Clarion	5	1	6	3
Mercyhurst	3	3	4	5
Slippery Rock	2	4	5	4
Gannon	2	4	4	5
Indiana	1	5	4	5
Lock Haven	0	6	0	8

East Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Shippensburg	5	1	7	2
Bloomsburg	5	1	8	1
West Chester	4	2	5	4
C.W. Post	4	2	4	5
East Stroudsburg	3	3	6	3
Millersville	2	4	3	6
Kutztown	1	5	3	6
Cheyney	0	6	0	9

Saturday

Noon - Gannon at Bloomsburg; Edinboro at Millersville.
1 p.m. - California at Shippensburg; Clarion at Cheyney; Slippery Rock at East Stroudsburg; Lock Haven at C.W. Post; Mercyhiurst at West Chester.
1:05 p.m. - Indiana at Kutztown

Lambert poll

Division I

1. Cincinnati
2. Penn State
3. Pittsburgh
4. West Virginia
5. Boston College
6. Navy
7. Rutgers
8. Connecticut
9. South Florida
10. Temple

Division II

1. California (PA)
2. Bloomsburg
2. Shippensburg
4. Bentley
5. Edinboro
6. Clarion
7. Southern Conn. State
8. East Stroudsburg
9. Assumption
9. West Chester

Big East football

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Pittsburgh	3	0	6	1
Cincinnati	2	0	6	0
West Virginia	1	0	5	1
USF	1	1	5	1
Connecticut	1	1	4	2
Rutgers	0	2	5	2
Louisville	0	2	2	4
Syracuse	0	2	2	4

Friday

West Virginia at South Florida, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday

Cincinnati at Syracuse, noon (ESPNU)
Rutgers at Connecticut, noon
Arkansas State at Louisville, noon

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	11	9	2	0	18	37	25
N.Y. Rangers	12	8	3	1	17	46	33
New Jersey	9	6	3	0	12	26	22
Philadelphia	9	5	3	1	11	31	27
N.Y. Islanders	10	1	4	5	7	22	37

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	8	6	1	1	13	26	16
Montreal	11	6	5	0	12	30	32
Ottawa	9	5	2	2	12	30	26
Boston	10	5	4	1	11	30	32
Toronto	8	0	7	1	1	15	35

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	10	6	2	2	14	37	30
Atlanta	8	4	3	1	9	28	24
Tampa Bay	9	3	3	3	9	24	32
Carolina	10	2	5	3	7	24	34
Florida	9	2	6	1	5	19	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	11	7	3	1	15	36	27
Columbus	10	6	4	0	12	33	34
St. Louis	9	4	4	1	9	24	25
Detroit	9	3	4	2	8	25	31
Nashville	10	3	6	1	7	18	33

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	11	8	1	2	18	38	26
Calgary	10	7	2	1	15	41	33
Edmonton	11	6	4	1	13	38	33
Vancouver	11	6	5	0	12	31	28
Minnesota	11	3	8	0	6	23	35

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	12	8	4	0	16	44	38
San Jose	12	7	4	1	15	42	35
Dallas	11	5	2	4	14	37	32
Phoenix	10	6	4	0	12	26	22
Anaheim	9	3	5	1	7	22	31

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 5, Phoenix 2
Montreal 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
Chicago 3, Minnesota 1
Toronto at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Today's Games

Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

World Series

Wednesday

Philadelphia (Lee 7-4) at New York (Sabathia 19-8), 7:57 p.m.

Thursday

Philadelphia at New York, 7:57 p.m.

Saturday

New York at Philadelphia, 7:57 p.m.

Sunday

New York at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.

Monday

x-New York at Philadelphia, 7:57 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

x-Philadelphia at New York, 7:57 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 5

x-Philadelphia at New York, 7:57 p.m.

NBA schedule

Today's Games

Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles Clippers at Los Angeles Lakers, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Indiana at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named Mel Didier and Mel Queen to the positions of senior advisor, player development.

National League

HOUSTON ASTROS—Named Jose Cruz special assistant to the general manager. Claimed INF/OF Jason Bourgeois off waivers from Milwaukee and placed him on their 40-man roster.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Announced RHP Tyler Yates had rejected an outright assignment and elected free agency.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with manager Tony LaRussa on a one-year contract. Named Mark McGwire hitting coach.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Named Jed Hoyer executive vice president/general manager.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS—Exercised the 2010-11 contract options for G Derrick Rose and F-C Joakim Noah.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Exercised the 2010-11 contract option on F J.J. Hickson.

NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Exercised the 2010-11 contract option on G-F Julian Wright.

PHOENIX SUNS—Announced the team was awarded the rights to C Jaron Collins.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

DALLAS COWBOYS—Agreed to terms with LB DeMarcus Ware on a six-year contract extension through the 2015 season.

DENVER BRONCOS—Signed P Mitch Berger. Waived P Brett Kern.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

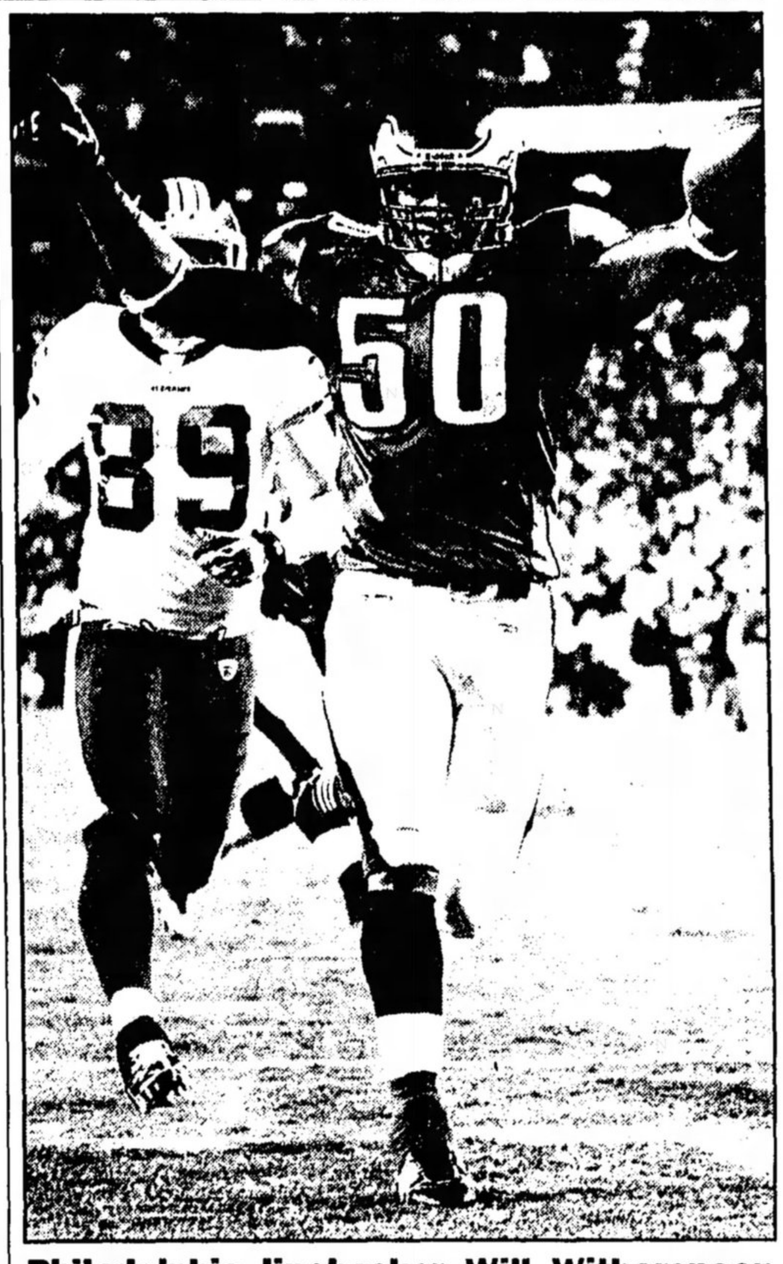
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Recalled G Justin Pogge from Bakersfield (ECHL). Assigned D Luca Sbisa to Lethbridge (WHL).

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled C Jake Dowell from Rockford (AHL).

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Placed RW Darcy Tucker on the injured list. Recalled F Chris Durno from Lake Erie (AHL).

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled LW Kenndal McArdle and RW Michal Repik.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled F Mike Santorelli from Milwaukee (AHL). Reassigned F Ryan Jones to Milwaukee.



Philadelphia linebacker Will Witherspoon scores a touchdown after incepting the ball during the first quarter.

Witherspoon has immediate impact for Eagles

Newly acquired linebacker has big game in 27-17 win.

By JOSEPH WHITE
AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. — The new guy for the Philadelphia Eagles fit right in, scoring a touchdown, stripping the quarterback of the ball and leading the team in tackles.

The new guy for the Washington Redskins didn't make much difference. The plays called by Sherm Lewis were no more effective than those previously called by head coach Jim Zorn.

There are plenty of other reasons the Eagles beat the Redskins 27-17 Monday night. Philadelphia (4-2) has more talent, more stability and more big-play capability.

Washington (2-5) is sinking into a morass of disenchantment with a limited talent supply drained by another injury, this time a broken ankle suffered by Pro Bowl tight end Chris Cooley.

But how about Will Witherspoon?

On just his sixth day with the Eagles, having been acquired in a trade with the St. Louis Rams, the eight-year veteran started at middle linebacker and had a stunning stat line: eight tackles, one sack, one quarterback hurry, a deflected pass, one forced fumble and an interception returned 9 yards for a touchdown.

"What? Who in their right mind would think that in their first game?" Witherspoon said. "But when it comes down to it, it happened. ... For the first game with a new team — for me, it put the stamp on it. Saying, 'Hey, this is exactly what I want to bring to this team. This is exactly who I want to be.'"

DeSean Jackson scored on a 67-yard run and on a 57-yard reception, both in the first half, for the Eagles. Donovan McNabb completed 15 of 25 passes for 156 yards, getting his 200th touchdown pass and surpassing 30,000 yards passing for his career. Trent Cole got two of Philadelphia's six sacks.

Three turnovers were converted into points as the Eagles raced to a 27-7 lead late in the second quarter. No one was going to accuse Philadelphia of taking another weak opponent lightly after last week's loss at Oakland.

"As I lok rode on this game," Jackson said, "so we did what we needed to do."

The Eagles lost Brian Westbrook in the first quarter with a concussion after his helmet rammed into linebacker London Fletcher's knee at the end of a 5-yard run. Coach Andy Reid said he expects Westbrook to recover fully but will play it safe with his star running back.

"We'll see how he is," Reid said. "I'm not going to put him out there when he's at risk."

The Redskins also had a significant injury, and it's one that doesn't heal quickly. Cooley, who has never missed a game and is the team's most consistent receiving threat, went down on the first play of the second quarter.

Zorn said it's too early to know if the injury is season-ending.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

The Pittsburgh Pirates' Willie Stargell received a new car from Sports Illustrated as the World Series MVP.

20 Years Ago

Bethel Park scored two second half goals to oust Ringgold's boys in the first round from the WPIAL Class AAA playoffs, 2-0, at Armstrong Field. The Rams closed at 15-3-1.

Once-beaten Belle Vernon Area High's football team was No. 1 in the PIAA Class AAA West Region 4 rankings.

Nick Mandich was named a part-time assistant to California University women's basketball coach Paul Flores.

10 Years Ago

Charleroi's boys lost 3-2 in double overtime to visiting Scton-LaSalle in the first round of the WPIAL Class AA playoffs. Chad Bosley and Rob Maglicic scored for the Cougars.

No. 1 Upper St. Clair's girls ousted Ringgold, 3-0, in the first round of the WPIAL Class AAA soccer playoffs.

COMICS

CATHY® by Cathy Guisewite

WE HIKED TO THE END OF THE DRIVEWAY AND BACK!
THEN WE REPLACED NUTRIENTS WE LOST IN CASE WE SWEATED: 190 CALORIES.
REPLACED ANTIOXIDANTS WE LOST FROM EXPOSURE TO THE ELEMENTS: 282 CALORIES.
REPLACED CARBS WE LOST IN OUR CARDIO SURGE: 374 CALORIES.
CALORIES BURNED ON OUR SIX-MINUTE WALK: 23.
CALORIES EATEN TO RECOVER FROM OUR SIX-MINUTE WALK: 546.
WHEN THEY SAID, "NO PAIN, NO GAIN," I HAD NO IDEA HOW MUCH EXTRA WEIGHT WE COULD PUT ON BY STARTING A FITNESS PROGRAM!

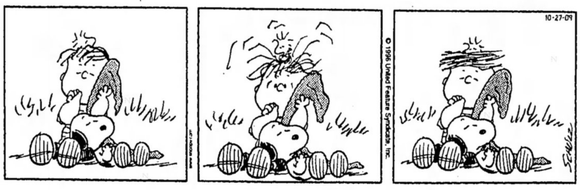
GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

MEN, I THINK THE CREATURE IS HIDING UP IN THAT VENTILATOR SHAFT
SOMEBODY'S GOT TO CRAWL UP THERE AND CHECK IT OUT...
YOU! PRIVATE WHAT'S-YOUR-NAME!
PRIVATE MONSTER CHOW

ARLO and JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SWAPPING OUT MY WARDROBE!
YEAH, I NEED TO DO THAT, TOO.
MAYBE THE NEXT COMMERCIAL...
I JUST SAID THAT TO BE POLITE—I REALLY DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING!

Classic PEANUTS® by Charles M. Schulz



BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker

HI & LOIS® by Mort Walker and Dick Browne

GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr

BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF CUISINE?
HUH?
YOU KNOW, COOKING STYLE- LIKE MEXICAN, CAJUN, FRENCH, ITALIAN...
OH, THEN I GUESS MY FAVORITE IS MOM CUISINE.

FRANK and ERNEST® by Bob Thaves

BLONDIE® by Young and Marshall

IN WEIRD RECIPE NEWS, A MAN HAS INVENTED BACON-FLAVORED ICE CREAM!
I'M OPEN-MINDED, BUT THAT'S TOTALLY RIDICULOUS!
HOW COULD THAT POSSIBLY BE ANY GOOD?!
WHAT ARE YOU COOKING, DEAR?
BACON
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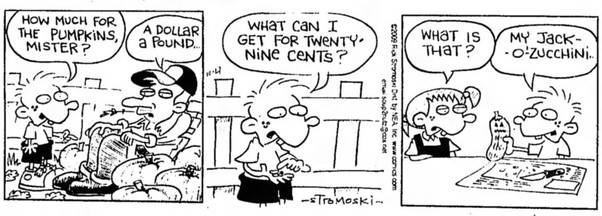
SOUP TO NUTZ™ by Rick Stromoski



KIT'N' CARLYLE® by Larry Wright

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DON'T WORRY, I BROKE IT SO YOU'D HIRE A SINGLE REPAIRMAN WHO'LL ASK YOU FOR A DATE.
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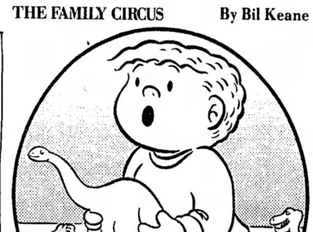
THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"What's this guy's first name? I know his last name is 'Saurus'."

BIG NATE® by Lincolin Peirce

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY MOTHER HIRED YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, TO CHAPERONE ME!
WHATTA YA MEAN, "OF ALL PEOPLE"?
I'M THE PERFECT CHAPERONE! I'M SAFE, I'M RESPONSIBLE, I KNOW MY WAY AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD...
OOP. HOLD IT, PETER. WE HAVE TO STOP HERE.
WHY?
JUST GOTTA EGG THIS HOUSE. GET READY TO RUN.

MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

LET'S GO, BOB, WE'RE RUNNING LATE!
I'M COMING... DON'T WORRY, HONEY, I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
WE HAVE A GOOD MOON TONIGHT, WE SHOULD GET SEVERAL HIDES!
I HOPE SO, I NEED TO PAY SOME BILLS!
JACK ELROD

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

2			6		9			4
		5	7		4	6		
	4						9	
7			3		1			8
8								5
4			9		5			6
	8						2	
		1	8		3	5		
3			5		6			9

Difficulty Level ★★ 10/27

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Answer to previous puzzle

4	5	2	6	7	3	9	8	1
8	9	3	1	4	5	7	6	2
1	6	7	8	9	2	5	3	4
9	1	5	2	3	7	8	4	6
7	8	4	9	6	1	2	5	3
3	2	6	4	5	8	1	9	7
5	3	8	7	1	4	6	2	9
2	7	9	3	8	6	4	1	5
6	4	1	5	2	9	3	7	8

Difficulty Level ★ 10/26

THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT CrosswordPuzzle

ACROSS

1 Have a cold
4 Truck front
7 Meat in a can
11 Molecular biology topic
12 Erelong
14 Fidel's country
15 Approves
16 Feeling
17 Be compliant
18 Dewey Decimal —
20 Has confidence in
22 Narrow inlet
23 Pre-schooler
24 Inert gas
27 Half-frozen
30 Tree anchor
31 Recital piece
32 Circus crowd noise
34 Food additive
35 Playful bites
36 Leaf juncture
37 Healthy lunch
39 Compensate
40 Elev.
41 Law, to Caesar
42 Granola kin
45 Pop bottle sizes
49 Get poison ivy
50 Vivaciousness
52 Peace gesture
53 Scale button
54 Bald head
55 Handy abbr.
56 As a consequence
57 Marred by defects
58 Lo- — graphics

DOWN

1 Delaying activities
2 Pitch-dark
3 Young girl
4 Collapse (2 wds.)
5 Jung's inner self
6 Float along
7 Reconnoiters
8 Taprooms
9 Aid and —
10 Flowery months
13 Weeds that sting
19 Pony's gait
21 Send packing
24 Jacket feature
25 Promising
26 Kind of dancer (hyph.)
27 Apartment mgr.
28 Ear dangler
29 Jedi knight trainer
31 Smudged
33 "— Jude"
35 Declare invalid
36 Barber's call
38 Long, deep wounds
39 Curbed
41 Alpaca kin
42 Baseball gear
43 Jazz's home
44 Very light brown color
46 Constantly
47 Nerve network
48 Dry wines
51 Slow pitch

Answer to Previous Puzzle

J	A	G			B	Y	E	S		D	E C
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M	E	D	A	L	I	S	T	S		P	E A
P	A	S	C	A	L			S	H	E	E N
			K	I	D		C	I	A		
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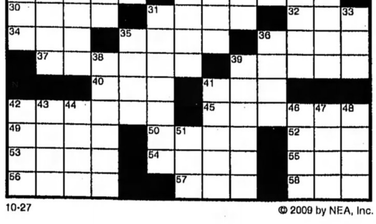

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FEATURES

The Charleroi High School Class of 1944 conducted its 65th reunion Aug. 16 at Paolo's Restaurant in Charleroi. The following classmates attended: First row, from left, Rita Brown, Jane Wagner, Betty Ann Miske, Helen Kuyon, Toni Parnella Young, Ron Rossi, Sara Leby, LaVerne Vanderveen and Eleanor Pyzynski Sable; and second row, Beatrice Disclafani, Rose Fazzoni John Cooper, LaVonne Cooper, John Houston, James Pro, Paul Ruschak, Mike Petix, Ann Toth, Margaret Rusak and Elizabeth Harosky.

WEDDINGS

Williams-Turkovich

Valynn Michelle Williams and Stuart Turkovich were married July 25, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, Pa.

The Rev. Jack R. Brace and the Rev. Thomas Bortz performed the 3 p.m. ceremony. A reception followed at Stroudsmoor Inn in Stroudsburg, Pa.

The bride is the daughter of Clyde and Ulyssa Williams, of Bethlehem. The groom is the son of Stu and Debbie Turkovich, of Monongahela.

Chrissy McCarthy, sister of bride, served as matron of honor. Crystal Turkovich, sister of groom; Natasha Hallahan, and Chrissy Geiger served as bridesmaids. Kyla

The Turkoviches

McCarthy, niece of bride; and Kassidy Fine, cousin of groom, served as flower girls. Jeremy Gerba served as best man. C.J. Cameron; James McCarthy, brother-in-law of bride; and Brian Palmer served as groomsmen. Jacob Thomas, cousin of groom, served as ring-bearer.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Liberty High School in Bethlehem.

The groom is a 2000 Ringgold High School graduate.

She received a bachelor of arts degree in advertising communications from The Pennsylvania State University. The groom received a bachelor of science degree in business logistics from The Pennsylvania State University.

The couple's honeymoon was to Antigua. They live in Bethlehem.

He is a sourcing analyst for Air Products and Chemicals. She is pursuing an acting career.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Rostraver Woman's Club

The Rostraver Woman's Club met in October at Fells United Methodist Church in Rostraver Township.

President Kelly Startare welcomed members and guests to the annual Harvest Cook Off and Guest Night. Startare led the flag pledge and club collect.

Secretary Barbara Mollenauer read prior meeting minutes. Alice Bialon presented the treasurer's report and noted the success of the calendar party in September. Committee reports were presented and new business discussed prior to the Harvest Cook Off.

Hostesses, Alice Bialon, Tanya Chancy, Susanne Schussler and Tamira

Vandermer

Spedaliere decorated the room in a Halloween theme. They arranged food entries to be sampled by members and guests. Hot Crab Dip, by Barb Mollenauer, won the appetizer division. Carmel Apple Pie, by Leamar Gilmore, won the dessert division. A cookbook comprising the entries will be presented to the ladies at the December dinner, at which four new members will be installed.

Bialon, Halloween hostess, provided Halloween history and jokes. Barb Vandermer was named Pumpkin Queen.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting – an evening of scrapbooking – will be Nov. 4.

For information about the club visit, www.rostraverwomansclub.tripod.com or call (724) 684-8487.

Court Donora 372, CD of A

Court Donora 372 Catholic Daughters of the Americas met Oct. 14 at Our Lady of the Valley Church, St. Philip Neri worship site.

Following the flag pledge, Rose Galiffa, Regent Adele McKita, Betty Mauser, Ann Rongaus and Betty Mayernik led a rosary recitation intended for ill members not able to attend.

McKita opened the meeting.

Recording Secretary Betty Duda presented prior meeting minutes. Rongaus presented the treasurer's report.

The court discussed the Christmas party tentatively scheduled for Dec. 16.

McKita said the White Ribbons Against Pornography would continue through Nov. 2. White ribbons to be placed on car antennas will be available Oct. 24 and 25 in baskets at the entrances of the St. Philip and St. Dominic worship sites.

Galiffa and Mayernik prevailed at share the wealth. Duda won the attendance award. McKita closed the meeting with prayer.

The social committee comprised Regina Dougert, McKita and Mayernik.

The court played bingo after the meeting.

The next meeting will be 4 p.m. Nov. 18 at the St. Philip Neri worship site of Our Lady of the Valley Church.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: T equals G

"A L X X E X O N W S N R V K W K X Y Y P U A L X D S H R O P S W Y C P O X A L S K C S R X Y J I U P O A L X S H A Y P U T O X X W V K A L X L X S W G V K X Y." - H L S O G X Y R J O S G A

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "If they can make penicillin out of moldy bread, they can sure make something out of you." - Muhammad Ali

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CALENDAR WATCH

Wednesday

■ Breast Cancer Screening and Education Program, Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, Monongahela Valley Hospital, 1 p.m.

■ Living Well throughout the Seasons, Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township, 1 p.m.

■ Advanced Carbohydrate Counting, Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, Monongahela Valley Hospital, 6 p.m.

■ 2009 Health and Education Expo, Four Points by Sheraton at Greensburg, Route 30 East, Hempfield Township, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Angel Food Ministries registration, First Presbyterian Church, 609 Chess St., Monongahela, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Fundraiser set for Humane Society

A fundraiser to collect supplies and money for the Washington Area Humane Society will take place 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday at Willowbrook Wash and Detailing, Route 51, Rostraver Township. The society is seeking dog and cat food, toys, treats, shampoo, formula, cat litter, collars, leashes, dog houses, flea products, carriers, grooming and medical supplies, office supplies and cleaning supplies. For information, call Tawnya at (724) 379-7010.

Security conference planned at Cal U

"School Security, Preventing the Disaster," the third annual homeland and corporate security conference, will take place 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Natali Student Center Performance Center at California University of Pennsylvania. The following will speak: state education Secretary Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency director Robert French; state police Commissioner Col. Frank Pawloski; and Washington County District Attorney Steven Toprani. Registration is not required. Act 48 credits are available. For information, visit www.calu.edu.

Assembly 911 Knights schedule meeting

Bishop Phelan Assembly 911 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the Mon Valley will meet Thursday at the Charleroi Knights of Columbus, 702 Fallowfield Ave as follows: Rosary, 7:15 p.m.; meeting, 7:30 p.m. Plans for the assembly's 100th anniversary banquet on Nov. 15 will be finalized. Banquet reservations, program ads and related money will be accepted. The reservation deadline is Oct. 30. For information, call John Petritis at (724) 684-7323.

St. Nicholas bazaar planned

St. Nicholas Church, 302 Third Ave., Brownsville, will conduct its annual bazaar noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Soup, Sandwich luncheon Nov. 5 at Christ Lutheran

Christ Lutheran Church in Charleroi will sponsor a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in Fellowship Hall on Sixth Street. Tickets are available from committee members or by calling the church at (724) 483-4908. The menu will comprise chicken dumpling, potato, green pepper, and vegetable beef soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverages. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is supporting the luncheon through its Care in Congregations project.

Free fellowship set in Charleroi

The Presbyterian Church of Charleroi on Lincoln Avenue will sponsor a free fellowship luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Sons of American Legion to meet

The Charleroi Sons of American Legion Post 22 will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday at the post.

Frugal Living

Save with healthy homemade snacks

Sara **NOEL**

DEAR SARA: I'm having trouble coming up with snack ideas to cook from scratch to save money.

I have made popcorn, cookies and brownies. What else can I make?

My family loves chips, and I hate constantly dropping money on a not-so-healthy semi-expensive snack. **— Andrea, e-mail**

DEAR ANDREA: You can make muffins or quick breads, quesadillas, homemade applesauce, gelatin or cinnamon or cheese toast.

Many snacks don't have to be baked or cooked. I prefer offering fruits and raw vegetables, string cheese, yogurt, cheese or peanut butter and crackers, trail mix, seeds and nuts, hummus, breadsticks, and cream cheese on raisin toast or graham crackers.

Give seasoned popcorn a try. There are a ton of popcorn recipes on Recipe Goldmine (www.recipegoldmine.com/popcorn/popcorn.html)

DEAR SARA: How do I get homemade frozen pops out of the mold?

I bought molds over the weekend and used them today for the first time. I'm trying to make yogurt pops for the kids.

I tried to take one out, and all I got was the stick. The molds are hard plastic, and I don't see any way to pop them out. Pulling on the top just pulls the stick out. I tried running under hot water, but it didn't help. **— Carla, Canada**

DEAR CARLA: Some molds are much easier than others for removing homemade frozen pops.

The trick is to leave some head space when filling them, and don't pull straight by the stick.

You can set them in a pan of warm water or run them under the faucet for just a few seconds. You run the water over the bottom and sides of the mold. Then you twist them with gentle pressure or wiggle them back and forth gently to get them to release from the plastic mold.

If that doesn't work, squeeze the mold itself from the bottom. It can take a little patience.

I'm not sure which type you have, but paper cups work well because you can simply peel away the paper.

When buying molds, try to find the single-mold type where you can remove one at a time versus having to remove them all at once. They're easier to clean, too. Tovolo (www.tovolo.com) makes great molds.

DEAR SARA: My neighbor dries all her clothes in the dryer.

She claims that hanging them in the sun to dry causes the clothes to fade.

I think this is just a waste of energy because you wear the clothes outside.

Could you clear up this discussion? Thanks in advance. **— One cheap neighbor, e-mail**

DEAR NEIGHBOR: While it's true that clothing does fade in the sun, you're right, too.

They fade when you're wearing them and when dried in the dryer.

You can minimize fading when hanging on the line by hanging them inside out.

Also, you'll want the bleaching benefits of the sun on white clothing.

It's the darks that are a concern. You can hang them to minimize sunlight.

Where does the sun hit the line the most? Hang the whites and lights there.

Do you have inner lines where you can place the darks and hang the lights on the outer?

Plus, fading happens most the longer the clothes stay on the line. So you can take the darks down as soon as possible instead of leaving them all day or afternoon.

Nothing prevents you from hanging indoors on lines or drying racks, too. I love my lines. I have them indoors and out.

I haven't noticed any extreme fading, but my lines are not in direct southern-exposure sun, and I don't own a lot of black T-shirts where I might notice faster fading.

To send tips, comments or questions, write to Sara Noel, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or e-mail sara@frugalvillage.com.

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ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

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Angela P. Bodnar,
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James W. Haines, Jr.
Attorney at Law
1202 West Main Street
Monongahela, PA 15063
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Frye, Joanne
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Marion Frye, Executrix
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Keith A. Bassi, Esquire

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Druge Test Kits/Supplies
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Late bids are not accepted.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Westmoreland County FY 2010/2011 Mental Retardation Plan will be on display from October 26, 2009 to November 9, 2009 during business hours at the following locations:

Westmoreland County MH/MR Office
40 N. Pennsylvania Avenue
Greensburg, PA 15601

Westmoreland Casemanagement & Supports, Inc.
770 E. Pittsburgh St. Suite D
Greensburg, PA 15601

In compliance with the 4215 County MH/MR Regulations, notice is given that a Public Hearing on the Westmoreland County Mental Retardation FY 2010/2011 Plan will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 9, 2009 at Westmoreland Casemanagement and Supports, Inc., 770 E. Pittsburgh St. Suite D, Greensburg, PA in the Mental Health conference room. Oral and written testimony on the FY 2010/2011 Plan will be accepted at this time. Additionally, written testimony will be accepted until November 9, 2009 at Westmoreland County MH/MR.

Kathleen A. Wohlgemuth,
Administrator
10/27

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SCORPIO October 24 through November 21

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SCORPIO (**Oct. 24-Nov. 22**) -- Do not deliberately place yourself in a difficult situation, but if you find yourself in one, you'll handle everything with grace and ease.

SAGITTARIUS (**Nov. 23-Dec. 21**) -- This is one of those days when everything is an opportunity for you. More fortunate than usual, you'll turn the worst type of situation into a winner.

CAPRICORN (**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**) -- An excellent alliance or partnership can be formed for a material purpose if you get linked up with someone who believes he or she is lucky. A positive attitude makes things happen.

AQUARIUS (**Jan. 20-Feb. 19**) -- A good outlook will do wonders for you right now concerning most anything you want. If that's your mindset, now is the time to deal with a critical matter.

PISCES (**Feb. 20-March 20**) -- Know that you won't be battling alone in a competitive situation that everyone is fighting over. A behind-the-scenes booster will cover your back and is likely to turn the tide your way.

ARIES (**March 21-April 19**) -- Now is the day to attempt to clear up a disturbing social matter. You'll have great luck turning out the situation exactly as you wish.

TAURUS (**April 20-May 20**) -- The possibilities for fulfilling an ambitious career matter are better than usual. Take it upon yourself to do everything you believe you can accomplish, and good things should happen.

GEMINI (**May 21-June 20**) -- You're the type of person who likes to include other people in whatever it is you're trying to accomplish -- and if they successfully help you out, you won't hesitate to credit them.

CANCER (**June 21-July 22**) -- Take a serious look at any financial or investment proposal brought to you. If things look feasible and you have the money, give serious consideration to becoming part of the deal.

LEO (**July 23-Aug. 22**) -- Don't be afraid to think big because size serves to awaken your potential. If you believe something is worth taking a risk and you're capable of doing it, get moving without any hesitation.

VIRGO (**Aug. 23-Sept. 22**) -- Be hopeful and expectant concerning the outcome of events that could enhance your material security or add to your resources. Dame Fortune is likely to make a nice contribution to your holdings.

LIBRA (**Sept. 23-Oct. 23**) -- Your easygoing disposition can handle sticky situations that would overpower others, so don't hesitate to walk into one that others might consider too hot to handle. You'll do fine.